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COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY
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Mr Knud Kristensen
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Dear Mr Kristensen, dear colleague,

Subject: Invitation to a Conference on "The role of women in the intercultural dialogue", Thursday, 6 March 2008, from 9 am to 6 pm, Brussels

I have the great pleasure to invite you to this conference organized by the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament for the Celebration of the International Women's Day.

This Day has always been a highlight of European Parliament's activities in the field of equality between women and men. Every year, this moment of celebration and reflection is an occasion to raise awareness on the persistent gender gaps in our societies.

For the year 2008, the conference will focus on the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

High-ranking women from different parts of the world will introduce the debate of the morning session with statements on what role women can play in this dialogue. The afternoon session will concentrate on discussions concerning equality of women and men in parliamentary work, especially the efforts undertaken to implement gender mainstreaming in different policy fields. You will receive a draft programme shortly, along with a practical note for the conference.

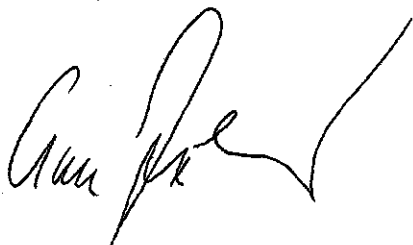
It appears natural in this context to involve actively the national Parliaments in order to enrich our knowledge and to share our experiences, and to invite the Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union (NCEO) to this conference that will be opened by Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament.

The meeting will take place on 6 March, from 9.00 to 18.00 in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament, Building Paul-Henri SPAAK, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels.

Each national Parliament is invited to send a delegation of six members in order to facilitate the representation of bicameral Parliaments as well as to enable majority and opposition to be represented. According to the established practice, parliamentarians can be accompanied by administrators (one per two Members). The composition and the details of the delegation should be sent to the following e-mail address IP-FEMM@europarl.europa.eu as soon as possible and **no later than 14 February 2008**.

I thank you warmly in advance for your support to this important event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Záborská', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anna Záborská