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Der Präsident

Dear Speaker,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development has decided to organize an interparliamentary sectoral meeting with the committees of the Member States' parliaments responsible for regional development and cohesion policy, on "*The Future of Cohesion Policy after 2013*".

I would be grateful if you would inform the chairperson of the competent committee (or committees) of your distinguished Parliament that the above meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11 February 2009 from 15:00 to 17:30** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels, in the framework of the monthly meeting of the Committee on Regional Development.

I have the pleasure to invite each national parliament to be represented by two Members plus one parliamentary official. As it is customary, the total number of two delegates also applies to bi-cameral Parliaments.

Your committee's administration will shortly receive detailed information concerning the practical arrangements for the meeting.

I strongly believe that this meeting will allow for a fruitful exchange of views about future trends and perspectives of the cohesion policy and will help starting on time the crucial debate on challenges Member States will be facing with during the next years.

I thank you warmly in advance for your appreciated support for this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Hans-Gert Pöttering
President of the European Parliament