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Dear Colleague,

The Joint Declaration of the Prague Eastern Partnership Summit on 7 May 2009 underlines that the main goal of the Eastern Partnership is to create the necessary conditions to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the European Union and interested partner countries. In line with the Joint Declaration the Swedish Presidency will, in the second half of 2009, in co-operation with the European Commission, prepare proposals on an early implementation of the Eastern Partnership.

In the Joint Declaration parliamentarians from the European Union and the partner countries are invited to come forward with ideas regarding the European Parliament's proposal to shape a parliamentary dimension to the Eastern Partnership. As Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs I will invite to *a first discussion about the shaping of this parliamentary dimension*, an important aspect of the Eastern Partnership.

A meeting with this purpose will take place *in Stockholm on Wednesday 21 October 2009* with participation of representatives of the Committees on Foreign Affairs in the parliaments in the European Union and the partner countries in the Eastern Partnership – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine – as well as of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission. You will receive a formal invitation to the meeting and a draft programme in September. By an early first discussion on a parliamentary dimension to the partnership I hope to contribute to reaching the goal of accelerating political association and economic integration.

I would also like to draw your attention to the European Development Days 2009 – EDD 2009 – that will take place in Stockholm Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 (morning) October. EDD is an annual event jointly organized by the European Commission and the Presidency with several thousand delegates.

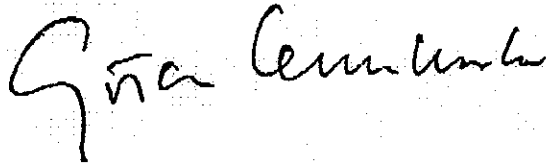
By co-ordinating the calendars for the meeting on a parliamentary dimension with EDD 2009 we hope to promote extensive parliamentary representation at the EDD event, to which you are cordially invited by the Swedish Government.

For information about EDD 2009, please see the website: <http://www.eudevdays.eu/>
Please contact Ambassador Krister Kumlin, head of the EDD-secretariat, if members

are interested in participating in the event (ud-edd@foreign.ministry.se). All correspondence concerning EDD 2009 should be addressed to the EDD Secretariat and **not** to the Swedish Parliament.

Questions concerning the meeting on the parliamentary dimension to the Eastern Partnership can be sent to eu2009.EaPparldim@riksdagen.se. For further information about the meeting, please contact Mr. Johan Matz, Secretary to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, phone +46 (0)8 786 42 85 (after 5 August).

Yours sincerely,



Göran Lenmarker
Committee Chair

Stockholm, 1 July 2009

Dear Speaker, dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that representatives of your Parliament/Chamber will be invited to attend a meeting during the Swedish Presidency of the European Union to discuss the shaping of a parliamentary dimension to the Eastern Partnership. The meeting is to be held in Stockholm on 21 October 2009.

Enclosed you will find a letter from the Chair of our Committee on Foreign Affairs to the Chair of the relevant committee in your Parliament.

Yours faithfully,


Per Westerberg

Speaker of the Riksdag