

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Brussels, 19th May 2010.

Dear Speaker, dear Colleague,

In the second half of 2010, Belgium will assume the Presidency of the European Union.

During this presidency, the Belgian parliament will organise different interparliamentary meetings on topics linked to the Belgian priorities for the presidency. The themes put forward by the Spanish-Belgian-Hungarian trio presidency are also taken into account.

The meetings will be held in the Belgian federal parliament or in one of the regional parliaments, when it concerns topics falling under their respective competencies. You will find herewith a list of these meetings.

Moreover, a number of meetings will be organised together with the European Parliament. Further information about these events will be sent out later.

We would also like to take this opportunity to announce the annual Conference of the Speakers of the European Union Parliaments which will take place in Brussels on 4 – 5 April 2011, preceded by the Conference of Secretaries General on 17 January 2011.

Invitations and further information concerning these events will be communicated in due course. All information will also be available on the following website: www.parlement-eu2010.be.

We sincerely hope to welcome you soon in the Belgian parliament.

Yours faithfully,

Armand De Decker
Speaker of the Senate

Patrick Dewael
Speaker of the House of Representatives