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Hermed fremsendes den ajourførte kalender for de interparlamentariske aktiviteter, der finder sted i Europa-Parlamentet i andet halvår 2011. Kalenderen omfatter også de møder, det polske parlament agter at være vært for i løbet af det polske formandskab for Rådet.

Siden Lissabontraktatens ikrafttræden er der sket en betydelig vækst i Europa-Parlamentets og de nationale parlamentets fælles aktiviteter. Således er vores interparlamentariske forbindelser i de seneste 18 måneder blevet styrket via en øget politisk og lovgivningsmæssig dialog inden for rammerne af en række vellykkede interparlamentariske debatter, hvor spørgsmål af fælles interesse er blevet behandlet. Nogle af disse debatter har banet vejen for væsentlige nye tiltag såsom den interparlamentariske kontrol med Europol og tilsagnet om afholdelse af en årlig dialog inden for rammerne af det europæiske semester. Disse nye tiltag er for mig en bekræftelse af, hvordan vores partnerskab konstant udvikler sig.

Jeg vil derfor gerne benytte lejligheden til at indbyde repræsentanter for Deres parlament til at deltage i følgende interparlamentariske udvalgsmøder i Europa-Parlamentet i Bruxelles:

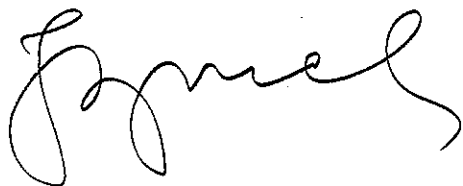
- 5.-6. oktober 2011: Udvalget om Borgernes Rettigheder og Retlige og Indre Anliggender: *"Demokratisk kontrol med strategien for den indre sikkerhed og Europols, Eurojusts og Frontex' rolle"*
- 6. oktober 2011: Regionaludviklingsudvalget: *"Fremtidens samhørighedspolitik i lyset af nye lovgivningsforslag"*
- 11. oktober 2011: Udviklingsudvalget og Underudvalget om Menneskerettigheder: *"Menneskerettighedskonditionalitet i udviklingspolitik"*

De bedes venligst videresende vedlagte indbydelser fra formændene for de udvalg, der er vært for møderne, til de(t) relevante udvalg i Deres parlament.

Som det nu er fast praksis, vil De på et senere tidspunkt modtage oplysninger om og indbydelser til de øvrige møder, Europa-Parlamentets udvalg afholder i løbet af det andet halvår.

Det er min opfattelse, at vi allerede har kunnet høste de første frugter af denne forbedrede programlægning af aktiviteterne, og jeg er overbevist om, at vi også fremover vil styrke og videreudvikle vores samarbejde.

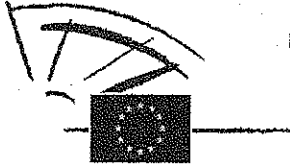
Med venlig hilsen



**Jerzy Buzek**

**Bilag:**

- Opdateret kalender for interparlamentariske aktiviteter med de nationale parlamenter i andet halvår af 2011
- Indbydelse fra formanden for Udvalget om Borgernes Rettigheder og Retlige og Indre Anliggender (LIBE)
- Indbydelse fra formanden for Regionaludviklingsudvalget (REGI)
- Indbydelse fra formanden for Udviklingsudvalget og Underudvalget om Menneskerettigheder (DEVE/DROI)



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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
The Chairman

To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Subject: Invitation to an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on Democratic  
Accountability of the Internal Security Strategy and the role of Europol, Eurojust  
and Frontex

Dear colleague,

On February 2010 the Council adopted the Internal Security Strategy for the European Union. This was followed, *inter alia*, by the work of the Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) and by the Commission Communication on the Internal Security Strategy adopted on 22 November 2010, laying down concrete proposals for action.

In line with the provisions of the Lisbon Treaty, these issues call for a thorough reflection on the role of national Parliaments and the European Parliament in this new setting, as well as the role of agencies such as Europol, Eurojust and Frontex, including the parliamentary oversight of these agencies.

The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union already provides for the involvement of national Parliaments and the European Parliament in the evaluation of the EU policies dealing with the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice area (article 70 TFEU), with the operational cooperation on EU internal security (article 71 TFEU) as well as the evaluation of Eurojust (article 85 TFEU) and the scrutiny of Europol (article 88 TFEU).

Pending the definition of the legislative implementing measures of these Treaty provisions, an interparliamentary committee meeting was held in October 2010<sup>1</sup>, at which several proposals and recommendation were debated, including the proposal to establish a regular joint assessment of the evolution of these policies as well as of the above-mentioned EU Agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Programme as well the main documents discussed here:  
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009\\_2014/organes/libe/libe\\_20101004\\_1500.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/organes/libe/libe_20101004_1500.htm)

In the meantime the first European Internal Security Strategy has been adopted<sup>2</sup> as well as several implementing measures, such as the definition of a European Policy Cycle as well as an enhanced cooperation framework for the EU Agencies and bodies working in this domain (SITCEN, EUROPOL, EUROJUST and FRONTEX).

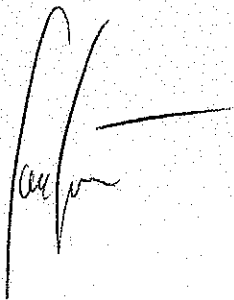
In this context, I have the honour, on behalf of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, to invite you to an interparliamentary committee meeting, on 5 October 2011 from 15:00 till 18:30 and 6 October 2011 from 9:00 till 12:30 in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels.

As is customary, the present invitation is open to four Members of the relevant committees of each parliamentary Assembly (two for each Chamber in the case of bicameral parliaments).

The draft programme for the meeting and more detailed practical information for the event will shortly be forwarded to the representatives of national Parliaments in Brussels.

I look forward to personally welcoming you in October and to a fruitful debate.

Yours sincerely,

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**Juan Fernando López Aguilar**

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<sup>2</sup> See : <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/10/st05/st05842-re02.en10.pdf>



Committee on Regional Development  
The Chair

To the Chair of the committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development will organize an interparliamentary committee meeting with the committees of the Member States' parliaments responsible for regional development and cohesion policy, on the *"Future Cohesion Policy in the light of new legislative proposals"*.

The meeting will take place on **6 October 2011 from 15.00 to 18.30** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels.

As you know legislative proposals due to be adopted in July by the European Commission are of particular importance for cohesion policy as they will define the framework for the next programming period. The October meeting will therefore, be the first occasion for national Parliaments to express their views on the legislative package and I am sure that our deliberations will allow for a strong parliamentary input into the ongoing debate on the future of the cohesion policy.

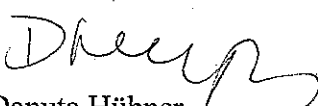
I am therefore pleased to invite up to four members of the relevant Committee(s) from every national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend the meeting.

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme for the meeting. The practical details will be forwarded directly to your Parliament's Representatives responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

  
Danuta Hübner



Committee on Development

Subcommittee on Human Rights

To the Chair of the Committee concerned

**Subject:** Invitation to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Development and the Subcommittee on Human Rights with national Parliaments of the European Union's Member States on the issue of human rights conditionality in development policy

Dear Chair, dear colleague,

On behalf of our respective committees, we are honoured to invite a number of Members of national Parliaments to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting on the issue of **human rights conditionality in development policy**. The meeting will take place on 11 October from 15h00 to 18h30 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

The last decades have witnessed the adoption of policies on human rights in the majority of bilateral and multilateral aid institutions, including the European Commission. In the UN system this human rights mainstreaming has resulted in a 2003 agreement on an interagency common understanding of a human rights-based approach to development programming, in which the relationship between development cooperation, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and international human rights instruments is highlighted. Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union also explicitly stipulates that "the Union's action on the international scene shall be guided by the principles which have inspired its own creation", including "democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms". Human rights are thus conceived both as an objective in their own right and as contributing to improving the quality and effectiveness of development assistance.

A recent study commissioned by the European Parliament<sup>1</sup> found that "the EU frequently imposes sanctions on countries that violate human rights and democratic principles in third countries. It does this most frequently within the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (...). Additionally, the EU conditions economic benefits which it provides to third countries on the compliance of those countries with human rights and democratic principles. This practice of conditionality takes two main forms. On the one hand, the EU disposes of a range of conditionality clauses permitting the withdrawal of privileges in the event that the beneficiary country violates human rights and democratic principles. On the other, in the area of trade preferences, the EU provides positive incentives to countries that comply with human rights (and other) norms".

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<sup>1</sup> The application of human rights conditionality in the EU's bilateral trade agreements and other trade arrangements with third countries (2008)

The meeting will be organised around two consecutive sessions dealing with the problems posed by these considerations for the implementation of cooperation programmes, and the ways and means adopted by the European Commission and the Member States to integrate and harmonise human rights and development.

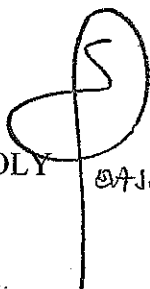
The meeting will be preceded by an official lunch offered by the European Parliament to participants.

As is customary, the present invitation is open to four Members of the competent committee(s) of each parliamentary Assembly (two for each Chamber in the case of bicameral parliaments).

The draft programme of the meeting and more detailed practical information for the event will be forwarded to you shortly by the representative of your national Parliament in charge of relations with the European Parliament. In the meantime, please find enclosed a preliminary draft programme for your consideration.

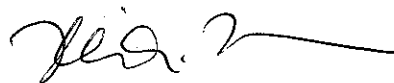
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Yours faithfully,

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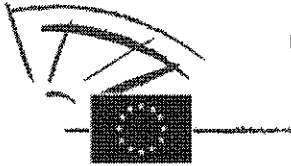
Eva JOLY  
Chair

*Eva Joly*

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Chair

Annex



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Committee on Development

Subcommittee on Human Rights

## **Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with national Parliaments**

### **HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONALITY IN DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

*11 October 2011 - 15h00 - 18h30  
Room JAN 4Q4 (József Antall building)  
European Parliament  
Brussels*

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

12.30 - 13.00 **Registration of participants**

*Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), Place du Luxembourg entrance*

13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch** hosted by:

**Eva Joly**, Chair of the Committee on Development

and **Heidi Hautala**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights

Address: President **Jerzy Buzek** (tbc)

15.00 - 15.30 **Opening**

**Catherine Ashton**

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy  
(tbc)

**Andris Piebalgs**

EU Commissioner for Development (tbc)

15.30 - 16.45 **I. Is human rights conditionality an obstacle to poverty reduction?**

Chair and moderator: Eva Joly, Chair of the Committee on Development

*Debate between members of the European Parliament and national parliaments*

16.45 - 18.00 **II. Can human rights conditionality be effective in a multi-donor environment?**

Chair and moderator: Heidi Hautala, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights

*Debate between members of the European Parliament and national parliaments*

18.00 - 18.30 **Conclusions**

Role of national and European parliaments in establishment and monitoring of  
human rights conditionality

Introduced by representatives of the Polish national Parliament