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RE: Polish EU Presidency Seminar: "African Development Cooperation Strategies – Lessons from the New EU Member States" 26 July 2011: Warsaw, Poland

Honorable Speaker,

In conjunction with the EU Presidency of Poland during the second half of 2011, the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA) and the Polish Sejm are organising in cooperation with the Polish Senate the Polish EU Presidency Seminar to be held on 26 July in Warsaw, Poland. The subject of discussion: "African Development Cooperation Strategies – Lessons from the New EU Member States" serves to promote a dialogue between African and European parliamentarians on development strategies and to highlight the experience in transformation-related issues of the new EU countries.

The key objectives of this seminar will be:

- To discuss the Official Development Assistance (ODA) strategies and priorities in Africa of the EU and the oversight role of parliament in the effective use of aid
- To exchange African development policies and strategies for assistance of "older" EU member states and experience in transformation-related issues of the new EU member states
- To exchange perspectives on development strategies towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and mobilising parliamentary action for its attainment

It is on this occasion **we would like to invite you to nominate the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee or a designated representative**, who has a particular expertise in the concerned area, to participate in the seminar.

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We hope to receive a positive response to our invitation and look forward to welcoming you in Warsaw.

Yours sincerely,



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