



Foreign Affairs Committees of
Denmark, Finland, Iceland,
Norway and Sweden

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Dear Chairpersons of the Committees,

On behalf of the United Nations system in Nordic countries, we address the Foreign Affairs Committees of the five Nordic countries regarding a field visit to observe development challenges and UN operational work in practice.

We have already experienced successful visits for Nordic parliamentarians to Zambia (2004), Malawi (2006), Mozambique (2007), Nicaragua (2008), and Liberia (2009). We have received very positive responses on these visits and it has recommended a journey to a UN duty station in Asia.

Hence, we are in the process of organizing an interesting visit to Nepal. It provides experiences of a wide range of attention-grabbing themes, for example: reintegration of ex-combatants; reduce risks of natural disasters; and access to transitional justice as part of the current peace-building process. Nepal has also demonstrated impressive improvements of maternal health and very recently received a MDG Award on commitment and progress on this issue. Moreover, the UN has a strong UN Country Team that coordinates a wide range of joint plans and a Delivering as One framework.

We would highly appreciate receiving your expression of interest to participate in this visit. If affirmative, please forward a list of participants and possibly alternate participants. We kindly request a response no later than 15 October 2010. For your information, the visit is (tentatively) scheduled in the period 17 -21 January 2011.

In order to form a viable program, it is necessary that at least four Nordic parliamentarians sign up for this visit. We hope that previous participants will share their experiences with potential new participants on this once-a-year opportunity to get a first hand impression of the work of the UN in the field.

Please direct your responses and/or questions to the respective national focal points:

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We are looking forward to your reactions.

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