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Dear Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Second Ordinary Session of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly will be held from 2 to 4 April 2012, in the Milli Mejlis' (Azerbaijani Parliament) premises in Baku (draft programme attached).

The purpose of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, which brings together parliamentarians from Eastern Partner Countries and Members of the European Parliament is, through the parliamentary dimension and dialogue, to provide an opportunity to support the Eastern Partnership policy of the EU, as well as to assess its achievements and challenges, with the goal of preventing the emergence of new dividing lines in Europe and promoting instead democracy, prosperity, stability and security for all concerned parties.

The Euronest Parliamentary Assembly is providing a forum to share information, experience and facilitate mutual understanding and the development of common positions and recommendations between the European Parliament and the parliaments of the partner countries, towards the relevant instances of the Eastern Partnership.

The Assembly has been convened for its annual session, for the first time in one of the Eastern Partner countries, Azerbaijan, with the purpose of adopting four resolutions stemming from the works of its four standing committees.

The reports are on "Challenges for the future of democracy, including the question of free and independent media in Eastern Partnership and EU countries", "Trade agreements between the EU and the Eastern European Partners, including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas, and the EU assistance in this field", "Energy security, renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy infrastructure: developments in the Eastern Partnership and in the EU countries" and "strengthening of civil society in the Eastern Partnership Countries, including the question of cooperation between government and civil society, and the question of the reforms aimed at empowerment of civil society".

The Rules of Procedure of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, here attached for your information, provide us with the possibility to invite, as observers, representatives of Parliaments of the EU Troïka. It is therefore our honour to invite you to designate two Members of your Parliament, preferably from the Committees responsible for EU Affairs or Foreign Affairs, who could participate in the meetings of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and/or of its bodies.

The draft agenda will be sent separately after the Euronest PA Bureau meeting on 15 March 2012.

Our Secretariat would forward to you the draft reports to be adopted in Baku and would take contact with the Secretariat of the Folketinget for the details.

We would like to thank you in advance for the attention you will pay to our activities.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl.: Draft programme 2nd Ordinary Session of the Euronest PA
Rules of Procedure of the Euronest PA