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Technology Assessment  
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The President of the Danish Parliament,  
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**Statement for the parliamentary hearing on the  
possible closure of the Danish Board of Technology  
(Teknologirådet)**

Dear Mr. President Lykketoft,

As chairwoman of the Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment and parliamentary rapporteurs for Technology Assessment representing all parliamentary groups of the German Bundestag we wish to express our deepest surprise to hear about the possible decision to close down the Danish Board of Technology (Teknologirådet) as part of the national budget for 2012.

As members of the parliamentary committee for education and research we highly appreciate that we can draw on the support of the Technology Assessment Unit at the German Parliament in complex and contested issues of S&T policy making. As partners in the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network we are aware of DBT's outstanding practice and highly esteem DBT as a leading organisation in Parliamentary Technology Assessment and in public participation in S&T issues in Europe.

Today parliaments are facing many challenging issues in the field of S&T that ask for informed and intense political and societal discourse as well as for knowledge based decision making. It is therefore difficult to understand that Denmark wants to deprive



itself of an institution that has shown in many respect its competences and skills in facilitating debate and decision making on S&T in the best possible way.

We are sure that an evaluation of the work of DBT will make the Danish Parliament reconsider the decision to close DBT and will open up ways to continue public funding for an institution with a unique professional profile and an essential public function.

With the deepest respect

Yours sincerely,

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