## Message from: Willemien Bax, Head of Public Affairs, OECD

Dear Member of Parliament,

The OECD would like to alert you to the next OECD High-level Parliamentary Seminar, which will take place on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March 2012. Thanks to the kind offer of the Chilean Chamber of Representatives the seminar will be held in Chile. This is the first time that an OECD High-Level Parliamentary Seminar takes place outside of Paris.

The main focus of the Seminar will be on governance. Amongst the topics will be the OECD programme of co-operation with Chile's Chamber of Representatives to establish a Department for Law Evaluation as one of the first initiatives to support legislative bodies in a practical way, monitoring implementation of legislation. This last topic would be particularly interesting for MPs and also staff from technical and professional units within parliamentary bodies whose main task is the evaluation of the performance of laws.

The seminar is also open to representatives from the parliamentary/legislative branch of government. It offers an exceptional opportunity for Members of Parliament to exchange views with their colleagues and OECD experts on a range of key issues. Staffers are very welcome to attend.

We will contact you shortly with more details about the event and its programme. This information will also be available on the OECD website (<u>www.oecd.org/parliamentarians</u>).

With regard to the High-Level Parliamentary Seminar that took place in October 2011 in Paris, the PowerPoint presentations made available by OECD experts at the seminar can be found on the seminar's <u>web page</u>, together with a <u>summary</u> of the sessions.

The next Annual Meeting of the OECD with the Economics and Security Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly will take place next Friday 10 February in Paris. NATO has indicated that it would be very interested in MP and MEPs not involved in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to attend. More information about last year's meeting can be found on this <u>web page</u>. The 2012 programme is currently under preparation, but should you wish to attend please contact Gráinne Mooney [grainne.mooney@oecd.org].

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I look forward very much to welcoming you to this important event.

Yours sincerely,



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