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COURTESY TRANSLATION

Dato 22/8-12 Kl.

Nicosia, 10 August 2012

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, I am pleased to invite representatives of your Parliament to attend the Conference of the Chairpersons of Agriculture Committees, to be held in Nicosia, on 11 and 12 November 2012. The Conference shall be organized as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Cyprus Presidency of the EU Council, during the second half of 2012.

I kindly ask you to forward the enclosed invitation letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the House to the Chairperson of the competent committee in your Parliament.

Kindly accept the assurances of my highest consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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Yiannakis L. Omirou,
President of the House of Representatives
of the Republic of Cyprus.

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Dear Colleague,

In the context of the parliamentary dimension of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the second half of 2012, it is with great pleasure that I cordially invite you to attend the Conference of the Chairpersons of Agriculture Committees, which will be held at the "Filoxenia" Conference Centre, in Nicosia.

The Conference will be held on 12 November 2012, preceded by a dinner along with a cultural event on the evening of 11 November, while an informal dinner on the evening of 12 November will follow the completion of the proceedings.

The discussions during the Conference will focus on the legislative proposals of the European Commission regarding the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy, as well as the impact of climate change on agriculture.

Please find enclosed the Draft Programme of the Conference. Details concerning practical arrangements including a Registration Form and information on hotel reservations can be found in the Practical Information Note, also enclosed. Please ensure that reservations and registrations are made the soonest possible or, at the latest, by 11 October 2012.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Cyprus,

Yours sincerely,

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Yiannakis Gavriel,
Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,
House of Representatives
of the Republic of Cyprus.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Conference of the Chairpersons of Agriculture Committees

“Filoxenia” Conference Centre, Nicosia

11 - 12 November 2012

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 11 November 2012

- All day** Arrival of Delegations in Nicosia.
(Hotels: Hilton Cyprus & Hilton Park)
- 15.00** Registration at the respective hotels.
- 19.30** Departure from the hotels to “Famagusta Gate”.
- 20.00** Cultural event.
- 20.30** Official dinner hosted by the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, Mr. Yiannakis GAVRIEL.
- 22.30** Return to the hotels.

Monday, 12 November 2012

- 08.00** Departure from the hotels to the “Filoxenia” Conference Centre.
- 08.30 - 09.00** Registration (for non-registered delegates).
- 09.00 - 09.10** Welcoming address by the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, Mr. Yiannakis GAVRIEL (Venue: Auditorium “Jean Monnet”).

SESSION I: THE CAP TOWARDS 2020

- 09.10 - 09.20** **The priorities of the Cyprus Presidency**
Address by the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Mr. Sophocles ALETRARIS.
- 09.20 - 09.35** **The Common Agricultural Policy 2014 -2020**
Address by the European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Dacian CIOLOŞ.
- 09.35 - 10.45** Debate.
- 10.45 - 11.10** Coffee Break (Venue: “Yiasem” Café/Restaurant).

SESSION II: CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

- 11.15 - 11.25** **Climate change – The challenges for Agriculture**
Address by Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Environment,
Mr. Adamos ADAMOU.
- 11.25 - 11.35** **EU Agriculture – taking on the climate change challenge**
Address by the Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus for the
Environment, Mr. Charalambos THEOPEMPTOU.
- 11.35 - 12.45** Debate.
- 12.50** Family Photo.
- 13.10 - 14.30** Lunch at "Yiasemi" Café/Restaurant.

SESSION III: COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

- 15.00 - 15.15** **Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy : The challenges for Europe**
Address by the European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and
Fisheries, Mrs Maria DAMANAKI.
- 15.15 - 15.25** **The Common Fisheries Policy – Socioeconomic Aspects of the Reform**
Address by the Director of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of
Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus, Mr Loizos
LOIZIDES.
- 15.25 - 16.45** Debate.
- 17.00** Closure of Conference and return to hotels.
- 19.00** Departure from the hotels for the unofficial dinner.
Unofficial dinner (venue tbc).
Return to the hotels.

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2012

- All day** Departures.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

Conference of the Chairpersons of Agriculture Committees

11 – 12 November 2012

Date and venue

The Conference will be held at the “Filoxenia” Conference Centre, in Nicosia, on 11 - 12 November 2012. The address of the Conference Centre is 17, Thrakis 1311, Aglanjia, Nicosia.

Registration of Participants

All participants are kindly requested to fill in a registration form and return it to agricom@cyparliament2012.eu, **by 11 October 2012**. The form is also available at www.cyparliament2012.eu by clicking on the name of the Conference in the calendar.

Registration

Registration Desks will be located in the main entrance hall of the hotels on the day of arrival, from 15h00. Identity badges and other material regarding the Conference will be available from these Desks.

All participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges at all times for security reasons and in order to ensure their access to shuttle buses, conference rooms and receptions and/or other events in the programme.

The ribbons of the identity badges correspond to the following categories of participants:

- Blue - Delegates, Members of Parliament
- Green - Delegation Secretaries / Advisors / Staff
- Yellow - Staff of hosting Parliament

Accommodation

Block bookings have been made by the House of Representatives at the following hotels at special rates.

Participants are requested to make their reservations **by 11 October 2012**. Requests for accommodation will be dealt on a first-come-first-served basis and any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed. Accommodation cost is covered by participants.

All participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation on-line with these hotels:

<p>Hilton Cyprus Hotel (****) Archbishop Makarios III Avenue, 1516 Nicosia. Phone: +357 22 377 777 Fax: +357 22 377 788 website: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NICHITW-GHR03-20121110/index.jhtml</p>	<p>Hilton Park Nicosia (****) Griva Dighenis Avenue, 1507 Nicosia. Phone: +357 22 695 111 Fax: +357 22 351 918 website: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NICLEHI-GHOUSC-20121110/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG</p>
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Arrival and departure

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The only legal ports of entry to the Republic of Cyprus are the International Airports of Larnaka and Pafos and the ports of Limassol and Larnaka, which are situated in the Government-controlled area of the Republic.*

All participants arriving at the above legal ports of entry of the Republic are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation to the hotels.

The cost of transfer from Larnaka International Airport to Nicosia by taxi is about €50 and from Pafos International Airport to Nicosia is about €120.

Transportation during the Conference

Transportation will be provided from the hotels to the venue of the Conference and vice versa, as well as for all social events included in the programme.

Simultaneous interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation into Greek, English and French will be provided. Participants accompanied by their own interpreters, are kindly requested to notify the Presidency Secretariat at agricom@cyparliament2012.eu the soonest possible and also indicate their request on the registration form. For this purpose, please note that only three additional translation booths will be available and will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

Documents

Working documents will be regularly updated on the House of Representatives' website (www.cyparliament2012.eu). Final versions will be provided upon registration. Documents will be provided in English and French.

Requests to take the floor

Participants wishing to take the floor are requested to fill in a separate "Request for the floor" card for each Session of the Conference. The cards can be found in the material received upon registration. A separate coloured card will correspond to each agenda item. A list of speakers, based on the cards received by the Presidency Secretariat, will be drawn up by the Chairperson of the Conference and, once the floor is given, speakers can deliver their speeches from their seats.

Services during the Conference

Participants will have access to a working station, equipped with computers, Internet access and Fax machines and all other relevant communication facilities. A WI-FI service will also be available. Besides coffee breaks, running coffee will also be available in the corridor, outside the Conference room. Food and beverages are not allowed in the Conference room.

Information Desk

An Information Desk will be situated outside the Conference room and will be available to participants for any practical matter, including username and password for WI-FI service.

Press Facilities

Press Facilities will be provided during the Conference. Access will be given to correspondents of national and international press, radio and television, who have already sent their registration forms to the Presidency Secretariat. The Conference will be open to the press.

Medical Service

Medical services will be available during the Conference.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

An ATM will be located near the Conference room, in the "CYPRESS MEDIA CENTRE".

Non-smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas in hotels and all public places.

An outdoor space, outside the "CYPRESS MEDIA CENTRE", can be used by smokers.

Currency

The national currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro.



Weather

November is the month when the weather in Cyprus changes from warm autumn towards colder winter. The average lowest temperature is 10°C and the highest is 22°C.

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