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To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

We write to you as the Chair of the *Bureau High-level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity* and the Chair of the *Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*. These are the two main bodies in the European Parliament that deal with the question of gender equality - the Bureau High-level Group as concerns internal staff matters and the Committee as concerns EU legislation in the field.

The two bodies would like to organise a joint event on the **3rd October 2012** with the participation of Members of national Parliaments in order to discuss gender equality on a broad basis and to have an exchange of best practices among parliamentarians coming from the EU. To this extent, we are therefore inviting you to take part in this event, and would be honoured if you would accept the invitation.


The event is foreseen to be split into two sessions. The first session in the morning will focus on how gender equality features in the legislation process both at EU level and at national Member State level, and the second session in the afternoon will focus on the internal procedures on promoting gender equality within Parliaments across the EU both on staff level and political level. This should hopefully allow for the participants to have a focused discussion on how to ensure gender equality as well as diversity in general. Specialised media focusing on gender issues will also be invited to the event, in order to follow the debate taking place and to communicate the results.

We would hope to have a high participation from national Parliaments and I am therefore pleased to invite the Chair of the relevant Committee(s) from every national Parliament or whoever should be designated to represent, to attend the meeting. Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

You will already hereto find a draft programme attached. The practical details regarding the meeting as well as a detailed final programme will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 3 October 2012.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roberta Angelilli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Roberta Angelilli**

Vice-President

Chair of the High-level Group on Gender  
Equality and Diversity

**Mikael Gustafsson**

Chair

Committee on Women's Rights and  
Gender Equality