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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Parliament of Georgia and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly we have the honor of inviting you to take part in the *Spring Economic Conference* of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to be held in Batumi, Georgia on 12-14 May, 2012.

With its comprehensive approach that encompasses politico-military, economic, environmental and human aspects, the OSCE has traditionally acted as an efficient forum for political dialogue and decision-making. Its parliamentary dimension, the OSCE PA continues to play an important role in addressing the challenges to democracy in the whole OSCE area.

The OSCE PA has a long history of active engagement in the Black Sea Region, including, inter alia, assisting parliamentarians from member states to fully realize the impressive economic potential of the region, via increased cooperation. Since vibrant economies constitute one of the main foundations of long-term, sustainable success, the significance of the economic dimension is crystal-clear.

We firmly believe the Batumi Economic Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for parliamentarians to see, on the ground, the results of the economic reforms carried out by the government of Georgia. We also hope that besides fruitful discussions on new avenues for mutually beneficial cooperation you will also fully enjoy the heartfelt hospitality and rich culture of Georgia.

We thus look forward to having the pleasure of welcoming you to Batumi.

Sincerely yours,

David Bakradze  
Chairman of Parliament of Georgia

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President of OSCE PA