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Committee on Foreign Affairs  
The Chair

To the Chairperson of the Committee concerned

Dear Chairperson, dear Colleague,

This month it has almost been a year since the beginning of what is now known as the Arab Revolutions. These events have brought with them many changes and many challenges for the region and for the EU.

I believe this is an opportune moment to organise a debate on the EU's and the International Community's response to the events in the Southern Mediterranean and, together with high-level stakeholders, to take stock of the situation a year later.

With this in mind, the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament has decided to organise an exchange of views on this subject at its ordinary meeting of **24th January, 2012 from 11.00 - 16.30** in Brussels.

This exchange of views would greatly benefit from the presence of national Parliaments, and I would therefore like to invite you or your representative to take part in the debate.

I hope you will accept the invitation and look forward to welcoming you in the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

Gabriele Albertini

Annex:  
Preliminary draft programme for the event