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**Invitation to the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue in Berlin on 24 April 2012 / German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States / Baltic Sea Days April 2012**

Dear Mr. Møller,

to mark the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the German Federal Foreign Office is staging the Baltic Sea Days in Berlin from 23 to 25 April 2012. This event falls in the year in which we celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council and hence also follows the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference in 2011.

As the Chairpersons of the German-Baltic, German-Nordic, German-Polish and German-Russian Parliamentary Friendship Groups, we have pleasure in inviting you and another interested member of your Committee, via the German Bundestag and in association with the Baltic Sea Days, to attend a

**Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue on 24 April 2012  
from 12.00 h – 16.30 h  
in the German Bundestag in Berlin,**

**followed by a Gala Event hosted by the  
Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany  
from 17.00 h – 19.00 h in Berlin.**

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The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue is being held in conjunction with a Baltic Sea Youth Parliament and a Baltic Sea NGO Forum which the German Federal Foreign Office is staging on the same day with young people and representatives from all the states in the Baltic Sea Region. As well as seeking to further cement the good relations between us, we also want to use this dialogue to give the participants in these two events the opportunity to discuss their positions and ideas on work and cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region with parliamentarians from all Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States. Members of the German Parliamentary Friendship Groups of the Baltic Sea Region are likewise invited.

Invitations to attend this Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue have also been extended to the Ambassadors of your countries here in Berlin.

Details of the programme are included with this letter. You will see that as part of the Baltic Sea Days from 23 to 25 April 2012, other events are being organised by the German Federal Foreign Office, the Embassies of the Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the representations of various Federal Länder and other organisations in Berlin. If you are interested in taking part in any of these events, you are welcome to do so.

We are working on the basis that, following normal practice, costs of accommodation and travel will be borne by the sending parliament as we regret we are unable to offer assistance in this respect.

We hope very much you will be able to attend the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue and the Official Ceremony hosted by the Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Yours sincerely,



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