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Committee on Development  
The Chair

To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Subject: Invitation to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Development with national Parliaments of the European Union's Member States on the issue of Policy coherence for development: how the European Parliament and national parliaments can work together

Dear Chair,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Development will organise an inter-parliamentary committee meeting with national parliaments on Tuesday 23 April 2013, from 9h00 to 12h30, in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels on the issue of **Policy coherence for development: how the European Parliament and national parliaments can work together**.

Article 208 of the TFEU states that *"The Union shall take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries"*. This principle is commonly referred to as Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) which aims to ensure that the objectives and results of the EU and Member State governments' development policies are not undermined by other policies which impact on developing countries, and that these other policies support development objectives, wherever possible.

The European Parliament adopted in May 2010 a resolution on PCD<sup>1</sup> where it proposed to appoint a Standing Rapporteur for PCD with the mandate of following up incoherencies in EU policies and bringing them to the attention of the Committee on Development. Ms Birgit Schnieber-Jastram was appointed Standing Rapporteur on PCD and subsequently prepared an own-initiative report<sup>2</sup> on the Commission's "EU 2011 Report on Policy Coherence for Development" that will be adopted shortly in Plenary. The own-initiative report *"Calls for the introduction of structured annual meetings between representatives of national parliaments of EU Member States and the European Parliament to ensure consistency in the spending of development aid"* (Paragraph 8).

<sup>1</sup> European Parliament resolution of 18 May 2010 on the EU Policy Coherence for Development and the 'Official Development Assistance plus' concept (2009/2218(INI)) - Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2010)0174.

<sup>2</sup> A7-0302/2012

The inter-parliamentary meeting will fit into this context. It will allow for comprehensive discussions on the subject of PCD between parliamentarians and with the participation of the European Commission and of the Council. Other topics complementary to PCD, such as donor coordination and aid effectiveness, will also be discussed during the meeting.

I am therefore very pleased to invite to this meeting a maximum of four members from the relevant committees of your Parliament (two from each Chamber for bicameral national parliaments).

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which can be distributed to the participants.

The draft programme of this meeting and more detailed practical information for the event will be forwarded to the representatives of your national Parliament directly responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions and to a fruitful debate.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'E' with a vertical line extending downwards from its base. The signature is written in a cursive, fluid style.

Eva JOLY  
Chair