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**REGARDING THE LETTER OF THE SPEAKER OF THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

Please find enclosed the letter of the Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania informing about the events to be held in the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2013.

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. Letter of the Speaker of the Seimas and the Calendar of Presidency Events, 2 pages.
2. Translation into English and French of the Letter of the Speaker of the Seimas and the Calendar of Presidency Events, 4 pages.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General of the Seimas

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*COURTESY TRANSLATION*

Vilnius, 22 February 2013

H. E. Mr Mogens Lykketoft  
President of the Folketing  
Kingdom of Denmark

Dear Mr Speaker,

On 1 July 2013, Lithuania takes over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania will hold ten events in the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. I have the pleasure of presenting the calendar of Presidency meetings to you and inviting Members of national Parliaments of the European Union and Members of the European Parliament to participate in the events. Further information on each event, including its agenda, will be provided closer to the scheduled date.

The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania will contribute to the implementation of the key priorities of the European Union – higher employment and financial sustainability – with an aim to ensure economic growth and competition. The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania will play a fundamental role by assisting in the achievement of the priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union: greater energy security; efficient implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and enhanced regional cooperation; rapprochement of the Eastern Partnership countries with the EU by implementing reforms and concluding intended agreements with the European Union; efficient protection of the external borders of the European Union through the development of the integrated management of the EU external borders and strengthening of fight against smuggling and fraud.

I am looking forward to close cooperation with you and your colleagues during the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Sincerely yours,

Vydas Gedvilas

Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

**CALENDAR OF PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION EVENTS OF THE LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**1 July – 31 December 2013**

Date	Event	Venue
7–8 July 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
21–22 July 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Rural Affairs on the Common Agricultural Policy reform	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
4–6 September 2013	Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
15–16 September 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Budget and Finance and the Committees on Economics <i>Prevention of Smuggling of Goods Subject to Excise and Customs Duties</i>	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
26–27 September 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Education, Science and Culture and the Committees on the Development of Information Society <i>United in Diversity: Political and Social Development Aspects of EU Languages and Cultures</i>	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
13–15 October 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Economics <i>Energy Policy of the European Union: Towards Competitiveness, Growth and Employment</i>	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
27–29 October 2013	50th Meeting of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (L COSAC)	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
10–11 November 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs and Labour <i>Employment Incentives to Implement the Europe 2020 Strategy</i>	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
24–25 November 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Environment Protection and the Committees on State Administration and Local Authorities <i>Macro-Regional Strategies: Development and Prospects</i>	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)
27–28 November 2013	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy on the development of democracy	Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius, Lithuania)