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Chair
The Research, Innovation and Further Education Committee
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Invitation to the 5th International Meeting for Members of Parliaments

Dear Mr Prehn,

I am very pleased to invite you to the fifth Meeting for Members of Parliaments, taking place on 22 September 2013 in Beijing, China in the context of the 64th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) that will take place on 23 – 27 September 2013.

Every year since 2009, the IAF is organizing an International Meeting for Members of Parliaments, which offers parliamentarians from all over the world an organised platform for dialogue with the space community, including governmental representatives, agencies, industries, engineers and scientists, community on a global scale. This event will give an opportunity to present, for political stakeholders from governing to non-governing parties alike, the potential of current or future space technologies to deal with topics of major and global interest.

The fifth International Meeting for Members of Parliaments will be focusing on “Benefits of space technology for economic growth and competitiveness of industry”.

The draft of the one-day programme, that you will find enclosed, offers keynote addresses from two distinguished speakers: Mr. Jean-Jacques Dordain and Mrs. Claire Jolly. Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA) and Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation, will give a presentation on the following topic: “From Space research to services with political and economic impact”. Claire Jolly, Senior Policy Analyst of the OECD Space Forum and Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry for OECD, will give a presentation on the subject of “The economic impact of investments in Space Technology and Space services”.

The social programme of the event foresees a Welcome Cocktail on the evening of 21 September, and a Dinner on 22 September to which Heads of Space Agencies attending the IAC 2013 will be invited. Moreover, all participants to the International Meeting for Members of Parliaments are invited to attend the Opening Day of the IAC on 23 September 2013. Furthermore a Technical Visit to the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) will be organised on Tuesday morning 24 September.



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I would be grateful if you could let me know at your earliest convenience if you intend to join the meeting. Please note that hotel and travel arrangements for the meeting will not be subsidised by the IAF. Lisa Antoniadis; IAF Projects Manager from our Secretariat in Paris (lisa.antoniadis@iafastro.org, +33 1 45 67 68 46) will be at your disposal if you require any further help or information.

I look forward to your participation and to seeing you in Beijing.

Yours sincerely,

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