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Dear President,

In your capacity as President of the Danish Parliament I am reaching out to you today to invite you to set up a **delegation of female Members of your Parliament** to participate in the **2013 Annual Summit of the "Women in Parliaments - Global Forum"** (WIP), which takes place from **27 to 29 November 2013 at the European Parliament in Brussels**.

The inaugural **WIP Annual Summit will be taking place** 120 years ago to the day when the women of New Zealand became the first in the world to vote in a national election. WIP wants to mark this milestone by hosting its Annual Summit on the date of this historic anniversary. A save the date has been sent to all female members of national Parliaments, of which there are approximately 9000 globally. Formal invitations will be sent out soon. The WIP Annual Summit will provide a **unique and unprecedented forum of high-level Keynote Speeches, Interactive Plenary Sessions and Networking Lunches for female parliamentarians from all over the world**. Working Groups will be hosted by UN Women, the World Bank, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the World Economic Forum respectively. But WIP will also go beyond that and - as a special tribute to the champions in gender equality - award several countries with the **WIP Award** for their leadership in closing the gender gap based on the findings of the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The **"Women in Parliaments - Global Forum" (WIP)** is an **independent, international and non-partisan foundation** established with the purpose of advancing society by building a network of women in Parliaments. An Advisory Board oversees and provides guidance for the activities of the foundation, consisting of outstanding political and social leaders such as **Jody Williams, Muhammad Yunus, Viviane Reding, Olli Rehn, Pascal Lamy, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir, Mo Ibrahim, Jane Goodall, Kathy Calvin, Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni, Zainab Bangura, Sheika Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, Ana de Palacio and Saaida Zahidi**. Other personalities invited to join the WIP Advisory Board include Lakshmi Puri, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Christine Lagarde, Gro Harlem Brundtland, Helen Clark and many more.

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The WIP Annual Summit will be opened by the **President of the European Parliament** and a large number of **prominent speakers** have confirmed their participation. A **Gala Dinner** and a '**Festival of Cultures**' will complement the formal parts of the Summit and contribute to the event's unique and unparalleled occasion for female members of Parliaments to meet and exchange ideas to advance society.

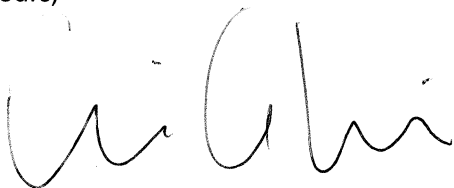
It would be a great honour and indeed a strong signal if a **delegation of female parliamentarians from Denmark would join the WIP Annual Summit** from 27 to 29 November at the European Parliament in Brussels. Such a high representation of your parliamentarians would be of great significance, as it would pay tribute to your Parliament's and your Country's dedication to gender equality and to advance society by encouraging female participation in politics.

This year's **European Development Days (EDDs)**, organised by the European Commission, will take place from 26 to 27 November in Brussels, in the same week as the WIP Annual Summit. In case Members of your Parliament are planning on participating in the EDDs, we would like to invite you to consider the fruitful synergies that could emanate from being in Brussels on those dates and participating in both events.

I sincerely hope that I have succeeded in illustrating the **unprecedented occasion the WIP Annual Summit would provide to female members of your Parliament** to meet and exchange with female parliamentarians from all over the world and I would be delighted if a delegation of the Danish Parliament could join us in Brussels at the end of November. In case you have any further questions about WIP that I may be able to answer, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

In keen anticipation of your answer,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Silvana Koch-Mehrin', written in a cursive style.

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Former Vice-President of the European Parliament