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Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
The Chairman

To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

In the past 30 years the EU has adopted a substantial and diverse range of environmental measures aimed at improving the quality of the environment for European citizens and providing them with a high quality of life. Our environment can only be well protected if the European Union and its Member States properly implement the legislation they have signed up to.

Ensuring EU laws are applied consistently results in a cleaner, more sustainable environment – and is better for our health and the economy. Since the early 1970s Europe has been firmly committed to the environment: protection of air and water quality, conservation of resources and protection of biodiversity, waste management and control of activities which have an adverse environmental impact are just some of the areas in which the EU is active, at both Member State level and internationally.

The European Parliament has always insisted on more effective implementation of EU legislation on the environment. In its recently adopted report on the 7th Environment Action Programme, the main focus was again on improving the implementation of existing environment policies, integration of environment policy with other policies and better coherence.

Against this background, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety of the European Parliament would like to invite members of national Parliaments to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting on "*Equal and effective application of EU and environmental law-why it is not happening?*"

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26 March 2013 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

The meeting will be divided into sessions, dedicated to water legislation, waste legislation and nature protection legislation, followed by a networking cocktail reception.

It would be of great value and importance to discuss these topics with Members of national Parliaments to learn of the experiences gained to date and of the difficulties that may have been encountered in implementing the EU and environmental law. The European Parliament

and national Parliaments should debate and address such issues together to contribute to possible solutions.

I am therefore pleased to invite up to four members of the relevant Committee(s) from every national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend the meeting. Should you be unable to attend we would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

The practical details regarding the meeting as well as a detailed draft programme will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation, and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 26 March 2013.

Yours sincerely,



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