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Mr. Per Stig Møller  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark

Vilnius, 12 April 2013

Dear Colleague,

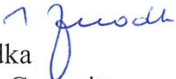
On behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, I would like to bring to your attention an issue of utmost importance to our country. Lithuania started cooperating with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) when the OECD launched its Baltic Regional Programme back in 1996. We would like to bring this cooperation to a new level now as we are aspiring to full membership of the OECD. Lithuania's first individual application for OECD membership dates back to 2002, which was officially renewed in 2012.

There is wide domestic political support for Lithuania's accession to the OECD, and we would like to note that Lithuania is ready, now more than ever, to take on the responsibilities of a full member.

In recent years, Lithuania has withstood the global economic and financial crisis, without sacrificing the progress of substantial reforms, all along continuing to open up its economy for trade and foreign investment. The progress achieved by Lithuania has been recognised by many experts as outstanding. Lithuania's economic growth, characterised by sustainability, has proven to be among the highest in Europe with its GDP per capita far above the other current OECD candidates. Moreover, Lithuania is gaining unique expert knowledge in the sectors that are particularly relevant to the OECD discussions and the global economy today. Effective public governance, energy security and safety, high technologies, innovative approaches to developing transport corridors and global transit routes are among the priority sectors where Lithuania can contribute to the OECD activities and outreach efforts by implementing cooperation projects with third countries.

We trust our partners in the OECD to take notice of the merits mentioned above. Even as the Organization grows, the key factors such as like-mindedness and the level of readiness of any candidate should be duly taken into account and balanced with other considerations within the OECD.

We sincerely believe that Lithuania represents a justified case of OECD membership and kindly ask for your country's support in the upcoming decisive stage of the OECD enlargement discussions.

  
Benediktas Juodka  
Chairman of the Committee

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The Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania presents its compliments to the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to forward the enclosed letter of the Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Mr. Benediktas Juodka to Mr. Per Stig Møller, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Folketing of the Kingdom of Denmark, with a kind request to convey the letter to the high addressee.

The Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Copenhagen, 22 April 2012



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