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To the Chair(s) of the political bodies or committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair,

As European Parliament Vice-Presidents responsible for relations with national Parliaments, we would like to invite Members of your Parliament to a pertinent and timely event to debate the role of Parliamentarism in an increasingly interconnected world.

Over the past decades governments have set up numerous international organisations and informal groupings. In many of these bodies the executives give important orientations with little or no parliamentary oversight. We believe that global governance must not be left to governments and diplomats only, but must involve the citizens and their elected representatives. Parliaments should play a strong role in this process.

This is why we are organising a one-day Parliamentary Forum with the title "EU Parliaments in global governance". The event will take place on Tuesday 18 February 2014 at the EP premises in Brussels and will bring together Members of the national Parliaments of the European Union, MEPs and representatives of international organisations. Please find the draft programme attached. All interested Members of your Parliament are cordially invited to attend. Practical details concerning the event will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's service for relations with the European Parliament.

We are convinced that this meeting can strengthen our interparliamentary dialogue on this important topic. We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation, and we look forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 18 February 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Draft programme