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Hosted by Miguel Angel Martínez and Othmar Karas,
European Parliament Vice-Presidents responsible for relations with national Parliaments

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

EU Parliaments in global governance

Tuesday, 18 February 2014, 10.00 - 17.30

**European Parliament
Paul-Henri Spaak Building,
room 3C50
Brussels**

9.00 - 10.00 Registration of participants from national Parliaments
*European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Espace Simone Weil entrance
at the Esplanade de la Solidarité*

10.00 - 12.30 Opening plenary session

Opening remarks by **Miguel Angel Martínez** and **Othmar Karas**, European
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Keynote address:

Parliaments and democracy in the age of "global domestic politics"

Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Debate with Members of national Parliaments and MEPs

Key questions for the debate:

*What is the role of Parliamentarism in an increasingly connected world? Are
the current forms of political representation adequate to address today's
international challenges? Is the development of democracy keeping pace with
globalisation?*

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch (by invitation only)

*European Parliament, Salon in the Members restaurant, Altiero Spinelli
Building, ground floor*

14.00 - 15.40 **Session 1: Europe's Parliaments in multinational organisations and international fora: From back seat to front row?**

Moderated by **Othmar Karas**, European Parliament Vice-President

N.N., UN representative

Elmar Brok, Chair, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

Vital Moreira, Chair, Committee on International Trade, European Parliament

N.N., Member of the Hellenic Parliament

Debate with Members of national Parliaments and MEPs

Key questions for the debate:

Over the past decades governments have set up numerous international organisations and informal groupings which take important decisions or give important political orientations. What role do Parliaments play in these emerging mechanisms of global governance? How can these bodies be held to account? How can Europe's Parliaments strengthen their cooperation in these organisations and fora?

15.40 - 17.20 **Session 2: Connecting Parliamentarians: Global Parliamentary Initiatives**

Moderated by **Miguel Angel Martínez**, European Parliament Vice-President

Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Member of the European Parliament; Women in Parliaments Global Forum

Arnaud Leroy, Member of the Assemblée Nationale, France; Vice-President, GLOBE Europe, the Global Legislators Organisation (tbc)

N.N., Member of a national Parliament; Parliamentarians for Global Action

Debate with Members of national Parliaments and MEPs

Key questions for the debate:

How can Parliamentarians from across the world work together effectively on concrete issues? What organisations, networks and initiatives do exist? How can online communication, social networks and videoconferencing strengthen these networks? What role do the Parliaments of Europe play in these networks?

Parliamentarians participating in this session are welcome to present any global network of Parliamentarians in which they are active.

17.20 - 17.30 Concluding remarks by **Othmar Karas**, European Parliament Vice-President