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Vilnius, 2 October 2013

Invitation to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Foreign Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union and the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy 27–28 November 2013

Dear Colleague,

As Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy, we are honoured to extend our sincere invitation to you to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Foreign Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union and the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy *Parliaments for democracy: towards more ambitious global cooperation* to be held on 27–28 November 2013 in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, in Vilnius.

The meeting will discuss the prospects of closer and more ambitious cooperation aimed at the implementation of the European Union's Eastern Partnership initiative, the democracies in transition and the challenges they face and will hear thoughts about the role of gender equality in building and strengthening democratic society.

You are cordially invited to dinners with cultural programmes on 27 and 28 November 2013.

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the meeting, the general information and hotel booking forms. For more information, please visit the website of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union at www.eu2013.lrs.lt. On the website, you can also find an online registration form for the meeting.

You are kindly requested to register no later than 13 November 2013.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vilnius.

Yours faithfully,

Benediktas Juodka

Emanuelis Zingeris

Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy