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Dear Chairperson, dear colleague,

On behalf of Claude Bartolone, Chairman of the French Assemblée nationale, I have the privilege of requesting you to appoint one member of your legislative chamber to attend a conference organized by the Parliamentary Office for Evaluation of Scientific Choices and Technology (OPECST). This conference, prepared within the framework of EPTA (European Parliamentary Technology Assessment), will be held on September 24, 2015, at Assemblée nationale, Paris.

EPTA gathers the technology assessment organizations serving European parliaments and is chaired by OPECST in 2015.

The conference will explore how technological innovation can be used to mitigate climate change. It will be an exciting opportunity to share viewpoints among national parliamentarians from European Economic Area countries, prominent French researchers, and EPTA members.

It will not only pave the way towards the COP 21 meeting to be held in Paris in December 2015, but, at the local level, also mark the 30th anniversary of the very first OPECST report. This anniversary will be commemorated by a formal lunch hosted at the Hôtel de Lassay, seat of the Presidency of the Assemblée nationale.

French and foreign specialists will provide a synoptic introduction to various perspectives of how technology can mitigate climate change, from cutting edge energy storage, advances in CO₂ conversion, to energy efficiency in buildings or transportation. This will then open out to a broader debate. A cocktail party at the Luxembourg Palace hosted by M. Gérard Larcher, Chairman of the Senate, will conclude the conference.

The goal is to compare diverse national experiences, first to identify obstacles that keep technological solutions from efficiently mitigating climate change, second to consider how governments, and national parliaments at their own level, can overcome such obstruction, and third, to take into account efficient ways of enhancing citizen involvement in subsequent policies. EPTA members will have ample opportunity to explain what they have done, or can do, to identify and overcome deterrents to technological assessment and innovation.

Lunches at Hôtel de Lassay and Luxembourg Palace are for invited parliamentarians only. Accommodation and transportation are at the participants' charge.

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We hope your legislative chamber will be represented. Would you kindly forward the name and contact details of the parliamentarian (at email address: secretariat-opicst@assemblee-nationale.fr) selected to represent you at this event.

Upon reception of this information, we will provide your delegate with all necessary precisions regarding the organization of the conference.

Yours sincerely

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