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Committee on Development
The Chair

To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Subject: Invitation to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Development with national Parliaments of the European Union's Member States on the subject of "Unfulfilled Millennium Development Goals and the implementation of the newly-agreed Sustainable Development Goals"

Dear Chair,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Development will organise an inter-parliamentary committee meeting with national parliaments on Tuesday 13 October 2015, from 9.30 to 12.30, at the European Parliament in Brussels on the subject of "**Unfulfilled Millennium Development Goals and the implementation of the newly-agreed Sustainable Development Goals**".

2015 is a crucial year for development cooperation: it is the time to take stock of the progress made, and of the obstacles and constraints encountered, during the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals adopted in 2000 that have shaped the global development cooperation framework for the past 15 years.

It is also the time to look ahead and plan new objectives and strategies for development cooperation for the years to come. In this context, a number of high-level international conferences have been held or are planned for this year. These include the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July, with its focus on the effectiveness of development aid, the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda in New York in September, that will define the future global framework for poverty eradication and sustainable development for the period 2015-2030, and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris in December, which will focus on the environmental aspects of development cooperation.

All these activities are taking place during the 2015 European Year for Development, the first ever European Year to deal with the European Union's external action and Europe's role in the world. It provides, through a host of activities that are being organised, a unique opportunity to explain to European citizens how EU development aid works and to demonstrate how it makes a real and lasting difference for people around the world who are mired in poverty.

The EU and its Member States, with the decisive contribution of the European Parliament and national parliaments, have actively collaborated towards the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and are participating in the shaping of the post-2015 development agenda. At this crossroads, the Committee on Development of the European Parliament would like to hold an exchange of views with national parliament partners on past lessons learned and the prospects for the post-2015 development framework, at an interparliamentary committee meeting at the European Parliament on 13 October 2015 in Brussels.

I am therefore very pleased to invite to this meeting a maximum of four members from the relevant committees of your parliament (two from each Chamber for bicameral national parliaments).

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which could be distributed to the participants.

The draft programme of this meeting and more detailed practical information for the event will be forwarded to the representatives of your national parliament directly responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions and to a fruitful debate.

Yours sincerely,



Linda McAvan
Chair