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Excellency,

The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) is pleased to invite two representatives from the Parliament of Denmark to participate and contribute to the Regional Workshop on “*Enhancing the Role of Parliamentarians in Building Effective Counter-Terrorism Systems within a Rule of Law Framework*” to be held in Istanbul on 20-21 April 2016.

The IIJ is based in Malta with an international governing board of administrators representing its 13 members (Algeria, France, Italy, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union). The IIJ's mission is to provide training to lawmakers, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and other justice sector stakeholders on how to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework.

The parliamentary workshop is part of a project implemented by the IIJ and funded by the European Commission in recognition of the critical role parliamentarians play in developing and overseeing counter terrorism policy in line with international good practices. The overall objective of the program is to enhance parliamentarians in the Middle East and North, West, and East Africa to respond to terrorism within the overarching objective of criminal justice reform in line with the rule of law and human rights.

Since the inaugural event held at the IIJ in Valletta in May 2015, the first regional workshop hosted by the House of Representatives of Morocco in October 2015, and the Symposium held in Brussels on 1-2 March 2016, parliamentarians' experience and advice on counter terrorism are forming a set of good practices. This draft document will be further refined in Istanbul.

Findings that will emerge during the Symposium will also be reflected in the ongoing analytical study of the priorities, challenges and recommendations in developing terrorism legislation, policy, and oversight. This will lead to a dedicated training module to better support the work of parliaments in the field of counter terrorism as well as a Good Practices memorandum that will be submitted to the Seventh Ministerial Plenary of the Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) in September 2016 for adoption and further dissemination.

With a view to engage in a constructive debate, as well as to facilitate future activities, the ideal delegation would consist of two members of the Parliament of Denmark who are committed in justice and security matters.

We would appreciate if you could kindly confirm the participation of two representatives from the Parliament of Denmark by filling and sending the registration form here enclosed no later than 31 March 2016 to the attention of Mr. Valerio de Divitiis, IJ Program Manager (dedivitiisv@theij.org, phone: +356 2122 6142).

Ground transportation from/to the airport in Istanbul will be kindly provided by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. For any additional information regarding logistics and accommodation please contact Ms. Jaclyn Sammut, IJ Program Assistant (sammutj@theij.org, phone: + 356 2122 6148).

We look forward to continued co-operation with the Danish Parliament and please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Strang

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob S', is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

IJ Executive Secretary