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Dear colleague,

We have the great pleasure of inviting you to our interparliamentary conference on the *Democracy in Europe* on 18–19 June 2023 in Stockholm. The conference will take place at the Swedish Parliament and is a part of the parliamentary dimension of Sweden's Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the first half of 2023.

The overall objective of the conference is for us to have the opportunity to discuss how we as parliamentarians can contribute to safeguarding and strengthening democracy and the rule of law. During the morning, we will focus on the democratic dialogue and the significance of parliaments. During the afternoon, discussions will be held on the independence of the courts and public trust in society's institutions. As well as researchers and senior politicians, we have invited representatives from the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Swedish Presidency, the judiciary and the Venice Commission.

We are convinced that your participation will contribute to an interesting and stimulating meeting.

Please find a preliminary programme and practical information about the conference attached.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm this summer.

Kind regards,



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