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Exmo. Senhor
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Subject: Invitation to the Tenth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP 10), to be held in Brussels, European Parliament on 27-28 September 2018

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to invite a delegation from your Parliament to the Tenth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP 10), to be held in Brussels, European Parliament, on 27-28 September 2018.

Ahead of the Asia-Europe Summit which will take place in Brussels on 18-19 October, ASEP 10 intends to reaffirm the crucial role to be played by parliaments, as institutions directly representing citizens, in the Asia-Europe partnership and in the challenges of our societies. As the meeting marks the tenth anniversary of ASEP, the European Parliament is looking forward to a high-level of participating members from the ASEM parliaments.

As usual in ASEP meetings, the opening session will be followed by thematic discussions with Co-Chairs and joint key speakers, including possible participation of experts and personalities. The panels will focus on climate change and environmental challenges and their impact on migration, economy and security.

Our Secretariat (ASEP10@europarl.europa.eu) is available for assistance and you are kindly invited to inform about the composition of your delegation and the possible designation of Co-Chairs and key speakers via the registration form on the following website: www.europarl.europa.eu/asep10 at the latest by the 30th August 2018.

Please note that the European Parliament will provide simultaneous interpretation in all EU official languages (except Gaelic) and, upon request and within the available technical facilities, may be able to accommodate interpreters of attending delegations. Our secretariat is at your disposal to assist with any questions you may have.

ASEP 10 will adopt a declaration to be submitted to the 12th ASEM Summit. The draft declaration will be sent in due course and will be discussed by a drafting committee on 27 September before the start of the opening plenary session.

A provisional programme and a note with practical information are enclosed herewith.

I am confident that the ASEP 10 in Brussels will provide a good opportunity for members of our parliaments to engage in fruitful discussions aimed at the well-being of the citizens of Asia and Europe.

I am looking forward to welcoming your esteemed delegation in September.

Please, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Antonio Tajani

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10th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP 10)

Brussels, 27 – 28 September 2018
European Parliament

Draft programme

Thursday, 27 September	
8:30	Preparatory and Drafting Committee with 1 representative for each delegation in order to finalise draft agenda and the final declaration
9:00	Registration at the European Parliament (venue tbc)
11:00	Plenary session
13:00	Lunch/Bufferet hosted by the European Parliament
15:00	<p>Asia & Europe facing climate change and increasing environmental challenges: <i>sustainable development and circular economy, urban areas management, water resources cooperation, waste treatment and plastic reduction, food security, clean technologies</i></p> <p><i>Discussion Panel 1</i> Climate change and environment: impact on economy</p> <p><i>Discussion Panel 2</i> Climate change and environment: impact on migration</p> <p><i>Discussion Panel 3</i> Climate change and environment: impact on security</p>

18:00	Visits of the House of European History for official delegates Dinner/Bufferet at the House of European History
Friday, 28 September	
9:00	Plenary session, with reporting back from the thematic sessions
9:00 - 10:00	<i>Discussion Panel 1</i>
10:00 - 11:00	<i>Discussion Panel 2</i>
11:00 - 12:00	<i>Discussion Panel 3</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Closing session

10TH ASIA-EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Brussels, 27-28 September 2018

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUES

The *10th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP 10)* will be hosted by the European Parliament (address: rue Wiertz 60, B-1047, Brussels, Belgium) and will start on **27 September at 8.30 a.m.** and will finish on **28 September at 12.30 p.m.**

Preparatory Meeting and Drafting Committee Meeting, on 27 September at 8.30 a.m. at the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, venue: tbc.

Plenary Sessions, on 27 September at 11.00 a.m. and on 28 September at 9.00 a.m., at the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, venue: tbc.

Panel Discussion 1: at the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, exact venue: tbc.

Panel Discussion 2: at the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, exact venue: tbc.

Panel Discussion 3: at the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, exact venue: tbc.

Closing session: at 12.00 p.m. at the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, exact venue: tbc.

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WEBSITE OF THE MEETING

www.europarl.europa.eu/asep10

You are kindly advised to check the website regularly for the latest updates.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

All participants are kindly invited to register for the event via a **registration form** available on the following website: www.europarl.europa.eu/asep10 at the latest **by the 30th August 2018**.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Delegations are invited to arrange their own accommodation and transport to the venue through their embassies in Brussels. The ASEP 10 Secretariat of the European Parliament can assist in case of special needs.

BADGES

Badges will be available at the Registration desk located at the meeting venue in the European Parliament (exact location tbc) as from Wednesday, 26 September afternoon. More detailed information will follow.

The meeting documents will be available on the ASEP 10 website in due time.

Participants are kindly asked to wear their badges at all times, social events included. Badges are needed to enter the meeting venues.

In case of loss of your personal badge, please contact the ASEP 10 Secretariat immediately. For security purposes, participants should be in possession of their **ID card or passport** and be prepared for identity checks. X-ray controls will be carried out at the entrance of the European Parliament.

WEAPONS

No weapons are allowed in the European Parliament

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Each participant should get information about visa requirements with their local Belgian Embassy or Consulate. We strongly advise all the participants to check the visa application deadlines in due time.

DOCUMENTATION

Relevant meeting documents will be published on the ASEP 10 website. No paper copies will be available during the event as the European Parliament follows "printed paper reduction" policy.

It would be appreciated if all delegations could submit their written speeches/contributions to the Secretariat prior to the meeting and inform the Secretariat in due time if other technical facilities are needed (PowerPoint etc).

WI FI

Wireless internet access will be provided. Participants will be given a username and password during the conference.

INTERPRETATION

Following the usual practice from the previous ASEP meetings, the working language will be English. The European Parliament will provide simultaneous interpretation from and in all EU official languages (except Gaelic).

For other languages, delegations are kindly requested to provide their own interpreters at their own expenses. Booths are available for other languages and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

PREPARATORY MEETING AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE

The meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 September at 8.30 am. The meeting will discuss organizational and practical issues such as the agenda, officers of the meeting and administrative arrangements and it will finalize the draft ASEP Declaration. Heads of delegation (or their representative) plus 1 other official delegate are invited to attend. As standard practice, the meeting will be chaired by the hosts.

FINAL DECLARATION

Following the *ASEP Rules of procedure*, the conference will adopt the Declaration of the 10th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting. The declaration will be drafted by the Secretariat and submitted to all member Parliaments by 3 September, 2018. Member Parliaments are encouraged to submit their contribution to the 1st draft of the final document by 12 September, 2018.

PRESS – MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The meeting is open to the media. Journalists who wish to attend the meeting can get accredited through the European Parliament's Media Accreditation service: media.accreditation@europarl.europa.eu

INSURANCE

Personal and health insurance is the responsibility of individual participants. The European Parliament does not bear any responsibility for the loss of baggage, money, personal belongings, or any medical expenses.

FACILITIES

The following facilities will be available to participants on the premises of the European Parliament: banks, travel office, post office, medical assistance, shops and restaurants.

PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Delegations should inform the ASEP Secretariat in advance regarding participants with special needs (e.g. : dietary requirements....)

SOCIAL EVENTS

A buffet lunch will be offered by the European Parliament on 27 September at 1:00 p.m. and a reception dinner will be offered by the European Parliament on 27 September at 7.00 p.m.

CURRENCY

The Euro is the official currency of Belgium. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, international airports and other exchange agencies.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage in Europe is 220V and European style two-pin sockets are used.

SMOKING

Participants are kindly reminded that smoking is prohibited inside the European Parliament, with the exception of designated rooms for smokers (please ask the staff for assistance). Smoking is also prohibited inside all public locations, restaurants, on public transport etc., except in those places explicitly reserved for smokers.