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### Meeting for Environment and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs

29 March 2012

Dear Colleagues,

On 1 January 2012, Denmark assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Danish Parliament will hold a series of Inter-parliamentary Conferences as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Presidency. These meetings provide an excellent forum for sharing views on many current issues related to the functioning of the European Union.

I would like to take this opportunity to send an invitation to the meeting for Environment and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs. The meeting will focus on two of important issues on the agenda of the European Union – the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Brazil and the 7th Environmental Action Program for Europe.

The meeting will take place on Monday 14 May to Tuesday 15 May at the Christiansborg Palace. I would kindly ask you to refer this invitation to the relevant Committee Chairs. For practical purposes we need to limit participation in the meeting to two Chairmen with an accompanying civil servant per Chamber.

Information concerning this meeting and all the meetings held as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Danish Presidency is available on the following website: [www.presidency.dk](http://www.presidency.dk).

Yours sincerely

Mogens Lykketoft  
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Dear Chairmen,

This year Europe and the world will take important decisions on how to structure our common sustainable future. In the midst of the financial crisis we shall consider how we can ensure a greening Europe in a greener and more sustainable world and set clear and ambitious goals for our work in the coming years. We must revisit development assistance and discuss how it can combine incentives to growth and a green economy

It therefore gives us great pleasure to invite you to a meeting for Environment and Foreign Affairs Committee (including Development Cooperation) Chairs under the auspices of the Danish EU-Presidency to set focus on the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the European 7<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Programme.

The meeting will take place on Monday 14 May to Tuesday 15 May in the Danish Parliament, Christiansborg Palace. The meeting will offer an opportunity to take stock of the preparations for Rio+20 and debate how Europe in general and parliamentarians in particular can address the challenges at Rio+20 and reflect it in our common Environmental Action Program.

We kindly ask you to register your participation in the meeting by filling out the enclosed registration form and send it to [eu2012@ft.dk](mailto:eu2012@ft.dk). Please return the included hotel registration form directly to the Palace Hotel. The deadline for registration is 18 April 2012.

We enclose the draft agenda as well as practical information concerning the event. Additional information concerning meetings under the Danish presidency is available on [www.presidency.dk](http://www.presidency.dk). Questions regarding the meeting can be sent to [eu2012@ft.dk](mailto:eu2012@ft.dk).

We look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

Yours Sincerely,

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