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Dear Mr President, dear colleague,

Joint Parliamentary Meetings between members of the European Parliament and members of national parliaments are an important expression of inter-parliamentary cooperation within the European Union. They form an integral part of the democratic life of the European Union.

In the conclusions from the Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the European Union in Paris on 26-28 February 2009, the Speakers emphasised the role of national parliaments in the drawing-up of new priorities for European actions in the assessment and monitoring of a European area of freedom, security and justice. To achieve this it was suggested that one of the inter-parliamentary meetings organized this year could deal with the issue before the European Council examines the "Stockholm Programme".

Therefore the European Parliament together with the Swedish Riksdag have decided to organize a Joint Parliamentary Meeting in **Brussels** on 16-17 November 2009. The meeting will be focused on **the broad issues in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.** Members of the European Parliament and national parliaments will be able to exchange views on these issues at a very crucial time in the run-up to the December European Council which will adopt the new "Stockholm Programme".

Further details on the Meeting will be sent to your Parliament by the European Parliament's services in due course. National parliaments of EU Member States are invited to be represented by a delegation of up to six parliamentarians per member state, accompanied, if necessary, by one administrator for every two parliamentarians. Parliaments of EU candidate countries are invited to send two parliamentarians as observers, accompanied by one administrator.

Thank you in advance for your support for this joint initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Jerzy Buzek
President of the European Parliament

Per Westerberg
Speaker of the Riksdag