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Dear Colleague,

We have the pleasure of confirming the invitation sent to you earlier this year to attend the next European Conference of Presidents of Parliament. The conference will take place in Oslo on 11-12 September 2014.

The Conference will have three themes:

1. Majority and opposition – striking a balance in democracy
2. Fundamental constitutional rights and freedoms – participation, trust and public debate as conditions for democracy
3. Current political issue

With respect to the third theme on a specific political issue of current interest, we would be delighted to receive any proposals you might wish to make. These should reach the secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe by 15 April 2014 (email: [wojciech.sawicki@coe.int](mailto:wojciech.sawicki@coe.int)).

The draft programme is enclosed. Practical information about the conference will be made available on the conference website: [www.stortinget.no/ecpp-2014](http://www.stortinget.no/ecpp-2014). Online registration will be available from 15 February 2014.

2014 is the bicentenary of the Norwegian Constitution, the second oldest written constitution in the world. This will be celebrated throughout the year, including during the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Oslo, we would like to assure you, esteemed Colleague, of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Claude Mignon  
President of the Parliamentary Assembly  
of the Council of Europe

Olemic Thommessen  
President of the Storting