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from: Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
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to: Ms Lucinda Creighton, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Information about European Parliament's participation at the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, from 4 to 6 March 2013 in New York

Delegations will find attached a copy of the above letter.



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The President

Ms Lucinda CREIGHTON
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Dear President,

The 57th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women will be held in New York on 4-15 March 2013.

The session's priority theme is "elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls", which is also one of the longstanding priorities of the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

Consequently, I would appreciate it if you could facilitate, in conformity with the established practice between the European Parliament and the Council, the inclusion, for the period 4-6 March 2013, of five Members of the European Parliament, led by Mr GUSTAFSSON, Committee Chair, in the delegation of the European Union, which will participate in the above-mentioned meeting. As part of the established practice, the names of the other Members will be forwarded by email by Parliament's Secretariat to its Council counterpart at least two weeks before the meeting.

Please note that I am sending a similar letter to Mr BARROSO, President of the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Schulz

Cc: Mr GUSTAFSSON, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality