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from:	Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
date of receipt:	16 March 2012
to:	Mr Villy SØVNDAL, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Information about European Parliament's participation at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 from 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro

Delegations will find attached a copy of the above letter.



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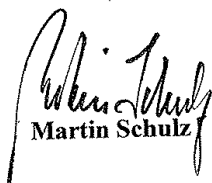
Dear President,

As you know, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 June to 22 June 2012. Given the highly important nature of this conference, the Bureau of the European Parliament decided, at its meeting of 13 February 2012, to endorse the sending of a 12-Member delegation from the European Parliament to this Conference.

In conformity with established practice between the European Parliament and the Council, I would appreciate it if you would agree to the inclusion of the above-mentioned twelve Members in the delegation of the European Union which will attend the conference in question.

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

Yours sincerely,


 Martin Schulz

Cc: Mr GROOTE, Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety