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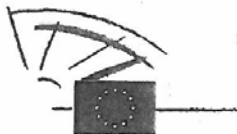
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from: Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
date of receipt: 28 February 2014
to: Mr Dimitris Kourkoulas, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject: Information about European Parliament's participation at the 58th Session of
the UN Commission on the Status of Women, from 16 to 20 March 2014 in
New York, United States

Delegations will find attached a copy of the above letter.



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The President

Mr Dimitris KOURKOULAS 201226 27.02.2014
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Dear President,

The 58th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women will be held in New York from 10-21 March 2014.

The European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality attaches great importance to this event, as it represents a major occasion to meet and exchange views with representatives of Institutions and various stakeholders (including civil society) on the most sensitive issues concerning women.

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 16-20 March 2014, of three 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.

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