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from: Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
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to: Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Information about the European Parliament's participation at the 68th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organisation

Delegations will find enclosed a copy of the above letter.



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The President

Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA
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Dear President-in-Office,

The 68th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) dealing with emissions from shipping, is scheduled to take place in London on 11-15 May 2015.

Emissions from international shipping pose a great challenge for EU climate policy as traffic/emissions from the sector are expected to grow by up to 250% by 2050. International Shipping is the only sector of the EU economy not covered by EU emission reduction targets. In these circumstances, Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) considered that it is important for Parliament to be represented at the session in question.

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 11-13 May 2015, of four members of the ENVI Committee in the delegation of the European Union, which will participate in the above-mentioned session. As part of the established practice, the name of the Members concerned will be forwarded by email by Parliament's Secretariat to its Council counterpart at least two weeks before the session.

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

Martin Schulz

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