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Camerei Deputaților
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Parlamentul României Camera Deputaților

**Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe
Direcția de relații cu adunări și organisme parlamentare internaționale**

București, 7 septembrie 2006
Nr. 58/1/1033

MEMORANDUM INTERN

Către: Domnul Mihai Unghianu, secretar general adjunct al Camerei Deputaților
De la: Traian Chebeleu, Director general

Tema: Participarea la lucrările conferinței “Pentru un spațiu economic comun în Europa de Sud Est” organizată de Rețeaua parlamentară a Băncii Mondiale (PnoWB) în colaborare cu Parlamentul Elen, ce se va desfășura în perioada 29.09-1.10.2006, Atena, Grecia.

Domnul Bert Koenders, membru al Parlamentului olandez, în calitate sa de Președinte al Rețelei parlamentare a Băncii Mondiale a transmis pe adresa Camerei Deputaților invitații nominale pentru domnii deputați **Marius Rogin (PD)** și **Dumitru Bentu (PSD)** în vederea participării la lucrările conferinței “Pentru un spațiu economic comun în Europa de Sud Est” ce se va desfășura la Atena, Grecia, în perioada 29.09-1.10.2006.

Principalele teme care se vor dezbate în cadrul acestei conferințe sunt: rolul rețelei parlamentare a Băncii Mondiale; tendințe sociale și perspective economice în Europa de Sud Est; piața muncii și a emigrației în Europa de Sud Est; buna guvernare și mediul de afaceri în Europa de Sud Est precum și alte subiecte de interes comun.

Menționăm că organizatorii asigură cazarea la hotel pentru toți participanții la acest eveniment.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar, (art.3 lit.a din HBP nr 1/2003).

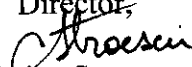
Propunem:

-să se aprobe participarea domnilor deputați **Marius Rogin(PD) și Dumitru Bentu(PSD)** la acțiunea de relații externe menționată;

-deplasarea să se efectueze cu autoturismul Mercedes nr NT 05 LOT, proprietatea domnului deputat Marius Rogin, conform solicitării acestuia și a devizului anexat, pe ruta București-Atena și retur, cu plecare în ziua de 28.09.2006, și întoarcere în data de 2.10.2006;

-să se acorde domnilor deputați drepturi de diurnă categoria a II-a, 100%, pentru două zile și un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;

- recalcularea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară pe baza documentelor justificative.

Director,

Cristina Stroescu

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Parlamentul României
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COMISIA PENTRU POLITICĂ EXTERNĂ

Nr. 33/15 C/06 septembrie 2006

Ref.: Conferința „TOWARDS A COMMON ECONOMIC SPACE IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE” – Atena – 29-30 septembrie 2006

Doamnă Director,

Avem plăcerea să vă informăm că **domnii deputați Dumitru Bentu și Marius Rogin** – membrii ai Comisiei pentru Politică Externă a Camerei Deputaților au fost invitați să participe la Atena în perioada 29-30 septembrie a.c. la conferința **“Pentru un spațiu economic comun în sud-estul Europei”**

Cazarea delegației române fi suportată de partea elenă.

Deplasarea domnilor deputați se va efectua cu autoturismul personal al Domnului deputat Marius Rogin – marca Mercedes nr. înmatriculare : NT-05-LOT, cu plecare din București 28.09.06 – întoarcere 2.10.06.

Anexăm alăturat invitațiile domnilor deputați pentru această conferință, precum și formele de înregistrare.

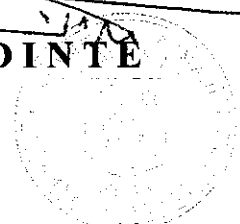
Vă mulțumim anticipat pentru sprijinul dvs. în realizarea acestei acțiuni.

Cu deosebită considerație,

STEFAN GLĂVAN

PRESEDINTE

Doamnei Director Cristina Stroescu
Direcția de relații cu adunări
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July 26, 2006

His Excellency
Bogdan Olteanu
President
Chamber of Deputies

Dear Mr. President,

***Subject: Southeast Europe Parliamentarians Conference, Athens, Greece,
September 29-October 1, 2006***

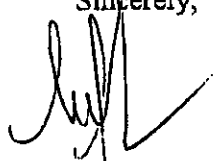
It is our pleasure to inform about the forthcoming conference "*Towards a Common Economic Space in Southeast Europe*" which is being jointly organized by the Government and Parliament of Greece, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB), Eliamep and the World Bank. The event will take in Athens, Greece, September 29 – October 1, 2006.

We are writing to seek your advice on the Romanian representation at this interactive event. The Conference will focus on the following issues: energy, education, trade and transport, environment, public expenditure management and governance. In view of the conference topics, we would like to solicit your assistance in nominating one or two Members of the Chamber of Deputies who actively work in these areas.

We would very much appreciate receiving your nominees by August 1, 2006. Once we receive your proposals, we will send them the official invitation letters, agenda and other useful information on the event. Please note that the organizers will cover the costs of travel and accommodation of the Members of the Chamber of Deputies. Also, the language of the Conference is English.

We thank you for assistance and look forward to the nominees. Our office will follow up with your cabinet in view of a response.

Sincerely,



Arabela Aprahamian
Acting Country Manager
World Bank Office, Romania

Cc: H.E. Sebastian Vladescu
Minister
Ministry of Public Finance



***'TOWARDS A COMMON ECONOMIC SPACE IN
SOUTHEAST EUROPE'***

PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON THE WORLD BANK (PNOWB)

WORLD BANK EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION

HELLENIC PARLIAMENT

HELLENIC FOUNDATION FOR EUROPEAN AND FOREIGN POLICY (ELIAMEP)

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2006

Grecohotel Cape Sounion, Greece

Agenda



August 16, 2006

The Honourable Marius Rogin
Deputy
Parliamentary Group of the Democratic Party
Parliament of Romania
2- 4, Izvor St. Sector 5, Bucharest
ROMANIA

Dear Mr. Rogin,

We are pleased to invite you to a meeting of Southeast European Parliamentarians to be held in Greece on September 29-30, 2006. The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB), with the support of the Hellenic Parliament and in cooperation with the World Bank and the Greek think tank Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), are organizing the conference, which will focus on the theme of "Towards a Common Economic Space in Southeast Europe."

The event will be attended by some 40 parliamentarians from the following countries and entities: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey, together with World Bank Country Directors and Country Managers and donors and groups who are active in the region, including the EU and the Stability Pact.

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We hope that you will be able to join us on this important occasion and look forward to a fruitful dialogue with you and colleagues.



Please send your response and completed reply form (attached), along with your biographical materials, to Ms. Lenia Vlavianou at ELIAMEP, at activities@eliamep.gr.

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Yours sincerely,

Bert Koenders
Member of Parliament, Netherlands
Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank

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Member of Parliament
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Early Afternoon **Arrival of Participants and Registration**

3:30 PM **Opening Session**

Towards a Common Economic Space in Southeast Europe, Nikos Christodoulakis and Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Members of Parliament, Greece, and PNoWB members

4:00 PM *The Role of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB)*,
The World Bank and Parliamentarians
Bert Koenders, MP; The Netherlands, Chair PNoWB
Jean-Christophe Bas, Development Policy Dialogue Manager, The World Bank

4:30 PM *Introduction Tour de Table*
Chair: Jean-Christophe Bas, Development Policy Dialogue Manager, The World Bank
(Participants will be asked to briefly introduce themselves)

5 – 5:15 PM Coffee Break

Second Session

5:15 PM *Social Trends and Economic Prospects in Southeast Europe*

1) *Experience of Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia* - World Bank Country Director Orsalia Kalantzopoulos

2) *Experience of Bulgaria, Romania, and Croatia*, World Bank Country Director Anand Seth

3) *Experience of Turkey* – World Bank Country Director Andy Vorkink

6 PM *Opportunities for Growth in Southeast Europe and the Changing Patterns of Poverty in the Balkans*, Ardo Hansson and Ruslan Yemtsov, World Bank

6:30 – 7:30 Open discussion
Co-Chairs: Nikos Christodoulakis, Kyriakos Mitsotakis
Comments by discussants

7:30 – 8:30 Break and Cocktails

8:30 PM Opening dinner

Dinner Remarks

The EU Perspective as a Catalyst for Economic Reform in the Balkans,
Greek Finance and Economy Minister George Alogoskoufis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Morning Session

8:30-9 AM Breakfast

9 -11 AM Concurrent Presentations and Breakout Groups
(Two breakout sessions starting with 15 minute presentation)

Good Governance and Doing Business in the Balkans

Parliamentarian Chair: Mrs. Gordana Comic, Member of Democratic Party, Republic of Serbia

Presenter: Jim Anderson, Senior Economist, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Discussant: European Commission

Energy Community of Southeast Europe

Parliamentarian Chair: (tbd)

Presenter: Henk Busz, former Sector Manager, Infrastructure and Energy, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Discussant: EBRD

11 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break

11:30 AM- 1:30 PM - Concurrent Presentations and Breakout Groups
(Two breakout sessions starting with 15 minute presentation)

Trade and Transport Facilitation in Southeast Europe

Parliamentarian Chair: (tbd)

Presenters: Ardo Hansson and Motoo Konishi, Sector Manager, Transport, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Discussant: Stability Pact

Labor Markets and Immigration in Southeast Europe

Parliamentarian Chair: (tbd)

Presenter: Arup Banerji, Sector Manager, Human Development,
Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank
Discussant: (tbd)

1:30 – 3 PM Lunch

Luncheon Remarks
Greece's Experience with EU Accession, Greek Foreign Minister
Dora Bakoyannis (tbc)

Afternoon Session

3 -5 PM **Reporting Back from Breakout Groups**
Chair: (tbd)
Comments by discussants

5 – 5:30 PM **Coffee**

5:30 – 6:30 PM **Conference Wrapup Session, Next Steps**
Chair: Nikos Christodoulakis
Comments by discussants

Evening Dinner (informal)

7:30 PM Depart for informal dinner



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Aim of the Conference

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Participants

The aim of the meeting is to bring together parliamentarians from countries in the region with World Bank experts and donors who are active in the region, including the EU, Stability Pact, and others. These attendees will be able to participate and engage the MPs in discussions but also to network, create linkages, share knowledge, and explore innovative approaches to common issues.

Background

Common Economic Interests

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ORGANIZERS

The PNoWB- The World Bank work with Parliamentarians

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The World Bank welcomes the increasing role of parliamentarians in development as in PNoWB as a way of strengthening collective accountability.

In developing countries, parliamentarians can be agents of change. They represent their constituents' needs and views, and can contribute to designing and overseeing implementation of World Bank-financed projects. In many countries, Bank projects are subject to parliamentary approval directly through ratification or indirectly through budget approval. In some cases, parliamentarians create, debate and pass new legislation linked to World Bank-supported reform programs. In countries providing development assistance parliamentarians can be advocates for development. They debate and approve foreign aid budgets, shape and review development policies, and promote coherence across policy areas.

Addressing the PNoWB Annual Conference last October in Helsinki, World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz made the following remarks: *"The World Bank is working on forging stronger partnerships with Parliaments around the World, because their oversight role has an important bearing on the mission to fight poverty... The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank is a respected player in the development community... The Mission of the PNoWB, your mission of strengthening parliamentary voice on development and global issues is becoming more important and relevant."*

The Chair of the PNoWB, Bert Koenders, sees it as a pivotal role for parliamentarians to take their responsibility and increase the collective accountability of the international financial institutions, work with the World Bank and with independent researchers and non-governmental organizations.

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