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Dear Mr Divjak,

On Tuesday 4 March 2008, during the Slovenian Presidency of the EU, the Assembly of WEU is organising a colloquy, in cooperation with the Slovenian National Assembly, on **'2008: a decisive year for the Western Balkans'** in Ljubljana. A draft programme is attached for your information.

Given the prime importance of the subject, we are inviting substantial delegations from European and regional parliaments to take part, together with representatives from government and academia. We expect some 200 participants.

So that my parliamentary colleagues and I may benefit from your point of view and expertise, we should like to invite you to address the second session on the morning of Tuesday 4 March on the subject of: <u>'Governance, economic and social development and security in the Western Balkans'</u>.

The debates will provide important input for the report which the Chairman of the Political Committee, Mr Pedro Agramunt, will submit to the Assembly's June Plenary Session.

Any immediate question you or your staff may have can be addressed to Kostas Panagiotopoulos, Political Section of the Assembly (<u>kostas@assembly.weu.int</u>; Tel.: + 33 1 53 67 24 54; Fax: + 33 1 53 67 22 01).

I very much hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in Ljubljana in March.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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