





Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs Commission de l'environnement, de l'agriculture and des questions territoriales

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Dear Chairperson,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the *Preparatory meeting of the Political Parliamentary Process of the 6th World Water Forum,* which will be held in the Council of Europe in **Strasbourg**, France, on **10 June 2011**.

The World Water Forum aims to draw attention to the crucial importance of water for society and to propose concrete solutions to global challenges.

The Parliamentary Process at the World Water Forum was created in order to give a greater voice to parliamentarians in the global debate on water, and to prepare contributions on a series of key issues such as transboundary waters, adaptation to global changes, and the human right to water. In particular, the creation of a "Water Legislation Helpdesk" for the development of appropriate legal frameworks on water will be discussed.

An overview of achievements since the 5th Forum will enable consideration of new measures and preparation of proposals to be submitted to the 6th World Water Forum.

Mrs Agnès Nollinger, Head of the Committee Secretariat (tel.: +33 3 88 41 22 88, Fax: +33 3 88 41 27 17, e-mail: agnes.nollinger@coe.int), will be happy to provide you with any further information you may require.

Please, find enclosed a provisional agenda and a registration form.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the Committee on the Political Process of the 6th World

Water Forum

Chairpersons of Committees dealing with water within national parliaments of the Council of Europe member states