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Hon Mr Mogens Lykketoft
President of the Danish Parliament
Denmark

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Dear Mr Lykketoft,

We write as the joint hosts of the 2nd World Summit of Legislators (WSL2014) to take place from the 6th-8th June 2014 in the plenary chamber of the Mexican Congress. The Summit is being organised by the Global Legislators Organisation (GLOBE International) and we are honoured to invite every President, Speaker and Chairperson of a Parliament, Congress or Assembly to attend the Summit as part of a delegation of up to three legislators per country.

The Summit will meet at a critical moment in the international processes to agree a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a new post-2020 climate change agreement, scheduled to be completed in Paris in 2015. It will be the first time that leaders from so many legislatures will come together to agree a common position on the role of national legislation and parliaments in the context of the sustainable development agenda.

We are delighted to report that the Summit is being supported by the United Nations through the office of Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the World Bank Group through the office of Bank President Jim Yong Kim and the Global Environment Facility through the CEO and Chairperson, Dr. Naoko Ishii. The Summit will be the beginning of a substantial cooperation with the United Nations known as the Partnership for Legislation. This Partnership will support the work of national legislators in creating the regulatory and legislative frameworks to advance the sustainable development agenda, with a particular focus on **climate change, forests and natural capital**. Speaking in support of the World Summit of Legislators, UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, said: "Parliamentarians have a profound influence. They are at the heart of democratic governance and importantly translate global standards into national action."

Your participation will be critical to the success of the Summit and the development of a set of practical outcomes, including a **WSL2014 Legislators Resolution**. It is intended that we, as legislators, take back this Resolution to our national parliaments to enact or recognise, as appropriate to our legislature.

The Summit has the following aims:

- To be the moment that the international community recognises that national legislation is central to the success of international processes on sustainable development.
- That new international agreements on the SDGs, as well as the delivery of the Rio conventions, must be effectively underpinned by national laws containing nationally appropriate commitments, with credible policies and mechanisms to deliver them.
- That a new focus must be given by international institutions to better support national legislators to develop and oversee the implementation of national legislation.

To help us achieve these aims, the Summit will address the following questions:

- What is the role of national legislation within international policy processes?
- How can legislation more effectively contribute to long-term national & international development objectives, including poverty reduction, clean energy, good governance, transparency and sustainable natural resource management?
- Should national legislation be recognised in future global agreements? Specifically, should national climate legislation be recognised in the post-2020 agreement, scheduled to be concluded in Paris 2015?
- What tools do legislators need to enable parliaments to effectively monitor the implementation of the future Sustainable Development Goals?
- Do we need to better manage our natural resources in our economies by incorporating accounting data on our natural capital and the valuation of ecosystem services?


- Are other tools needed to provide legislators with the **information and transparency** needed for informed political decisions on **the practicality of balancing** human development and environmental sustainability?
- How can international institutions such as the United Nations, the World Bank Group and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) better support the work of legislators in the delivery of the post-2020 climate agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in the implementation of the United Nations Conventions on Biological Diversity and to Combat Desertification, as well as the future SDGs?

All preparations for the Summit are being made by the Global Legislators Organisation with the support of the Congress and Senate of Mexico. In confirming your participation we would be grateful if you can take note of the following key points:

- To confirm your participation all participants must register through the online GLOBE Summit Registration system on the GLOBE international website – www.globeinternational.org. Online registration will be available from the 15th April 2014.
- The Summit Agenda and DRAFT WSL2014 Legislators Resolution will be available on the GLOBE website from the 15th April.
- We kindly ask that your Parliament cover the costs of your travel and accommodation at the Summit. However, if this is not possible, there is limited support available for the participation of developing country legislators. This will only be available if your legislature is unable to support your participation and can be requested by contacting Mr Gonzalo Peon at gonzalo.peon@globeinternational.org.
- The Summit will begin with a high level opening session at 1430 on the 6th June and will be followed by a reception hosted by the President of Mexico. The Summit will meet throughout Saturday the 7th June followed by a dinner hosted by the Congress of Mexico. The concluding day will be Sunday 8th June with an optional cultural evening hosted by the Mayor of Mexico City.

The 2nd World Summit of Legislators promises to be the moment the international community, at the highest level, recognises the critical role of legislators and parliaments in delivering a future sustainable development agenda that benefits all our people. We hope that you will be able to join us. If your officials would like to discuss this invitation please do not hesitate to contact GLOBE's Secretary General, Mr Adam Matthews at adam.matthews@globeinternational.org or on +44 (0)20 7222 4602.


With kind regards and sincere thanks for your consideration of our invitation.



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