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Ljubljana, 11 April 2008

Dear Colleague,

Please find enclosed a letter of invitation together with some practical information for the meeting of the Agricultural Affairs Committee Chairpersons to be held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia on 2 and 3 June 2008.

Please submit this letter to the Chairman of the relevant working body of your Parliament.

A copy of the letter has also been sent to Your Embassy in the Republic of Slovenia and to the national representatives of the EU Member States' Parliaments in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Yours faithfully,

mag. Lovro Lončar

Encl: 10

Ljubljana, 9 April 2008

Meeting of Agricultural Committee Chairpersons of the National Parliaments of the EU Member States, the European Parliament, and the Parliaments of the Candidate Countries

Dear chairpersons, dear colleagues,

The Republic of Slovenia assumed the Presidency of the EU Council in the first half of this year as the first among the new Member States. As part of the National Assembly's activities under Slovenia's Presidency of the EU, the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food is organising a conference intended for the related parliamentary committees of the national parliaments of the EU Member States, the European Parliament, and the parliaments of the candidate countries.

The conference will be held in Ljubljana on 2 and 3 June 2008. It will start on Sunday, 1 June 2008, with a reception for the delegations at Villa Podrožnik. On Monday, 2 June 2008, the conference will take place in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia and on Tuesday, 3 June 2008, an excursion to the Slovenian countryside will be organised.

Considering that the priorities of Slovenia's Presidency of the EU also include the future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in relation to the environment, food security as a concern for sufficient food supplies, and climate change having a significant impact on agriculture and on the conditions of food production, these issues will be the focal point of discussions at our conference. We therefore hope that the conference will provide answers to the following questions:

- What is the role and significance of the CAP today and what will it be in the future; do we actually need it? Which are the social issues that need to be addressed by the CAP?
- Does Europe need to once again address the issues of food security? What should be the contribution of the EU to the global food security? Which measures contribute to food security?
- What is the role of agriculture in mitigating climate change and what adaptations will be needed? How can mitigation and adaptation support the CAP?
- How is the CAP seen by those still waiting to join the EU? Does accession also provide them the possibility of developing the sector and rural areas, currently facing great difficulties?

Dear colleagues, I am pleased to invite you to the meeting to which we have invited keynote speakers from the European Commission, Slovenia, and Southeast Europe. The participants will also be addressed by the European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development Ms Mariann Fischer Boel and by Mr Iztok Jarc, the Slovenian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

I would be most pleased if you attended the meeting and contributed to the discussion with possibly new views on the issues regarding our common future. To confirm your participation at the meeting, I kindly ask you to fill in the meeting registration forms and send them to the addresses indicated on each form. Please also find enclosed the draft programme of the meeting, the hotel reservation form, and some general information.

All information regarding the conference is also available at the National Assembly's website: <http://www.dz-rs.si/predsedovanje>.

For additional information regarding the meeting, please contact the Committee Secretary Ms Dragana Čuljković by e-mail: dragana.culjkovic@dz-rs.si. For questions regarding logistics, please contact Ms Viktorija Rošer by phone: +386 1 478 9591, fax: +386 1 478 9592 or e-mail: viktorija.roser@dz-rs.si.

I look forward to meeting you soon in Ljubljana.

Marjetka Uhan
Chair

DRAFT PROGRAMME
OF THE MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS OF THE EU MEMBER STATES, THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, AND THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES
Ljubljana, 2 - 3 June 2008

Sunday, 1 June 2008

- until 19.30 Arrival of delegations to Grand Hotel Union and registration of participants
- 17.00 Guided tour of Ljubljana
- 19.45 Departure by bus to Villa Podrožnik
- 20.00 Reception for the participants hosted by Ms Marjetka UHAN, Chair of the
Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food
- 22.30 Return to the hotel by bus

Monday, 2 June 2008

- 8.30 Departure to the National Assembly, Šubičeva 4, Ljubljana
- 8.45 Registration of participants
- 9.00 Opening of the conference and welcome address by Ms Marjetka UHAN,
Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food
- 9.10 - 9.30 Address by Mr Iztok JARC, Slovenian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and
Food

MORNING SESSION: THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

9.30 - 10.15 **Possibilities and Traps of Green Energy Production**

- Ms Hilka SUMMA, Head of DG AGRI F6 Unit "Bioenergy, biomass, forestry and climate change", European Commission

10.15 -10.30 Debate

10.30 -10.50 Coffee break

10.50 -11.35 **Impacts of the Measures to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Agriculture on Food Security and Competitiveness of the European Agriculture**

- Dr Jože VERBIČ, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia

11.35 -11.50 Debate

12.30 Buffet lunch in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

AFTERNOON SESSION: THE FUTURE OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND FOOD SECURITY

13.45 Photo session

14.00 -15.00 **Latest developments on the CAP health check**

- Ms Mariann FISCHER BOEL, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

Questions and comments from the participants

15.00 -15.45 **Contribution to the debate on the concept of CAP**

- Dr Emil ERJAVEC, University of Ljubljana, former member of the negotiating team for Slovenia's accession to the EU

15.45 -16.00 Debate

16.00 -16.15 Coffee break

16.15 -17.00 **Positions of the Western Balkans on the Common Agricultural Policy**
- Dr Suzana DJORDJEVIĆ MILOŠEVIĆ, Regional Rural Development
Standing Working Group of South Eastern Europe, Republic of Serbia

17.00 -17.15 Debate

17.30 Closure of the conference

17.45 Departure by bus to Grand Hotel Union

19.45 Departure by bus to the Festival Hall

20.00 Dinner hosted by Ms Marjetka UHAN, Chair of the Committee on
Agriculture, Forestry and Food

22.30 Return to Grand Hotel Union

Tuesday, 3 June 2008

8.30 Departure for excursion (from the hotel)

15.00 Departure of the first bus to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (arrival at the
airport at approx. 17.00)

18.00 Departure of the second bus to Grand Hotel Union (arrival at the hotel at
approx. 20.00)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

**MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
Ljubljana, 2 and 3 June 2008**

1. CONFERENCE VENUE:

National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
Šubičeva 4
1000 Ljubljana
www.dz-rs.si

CONTACT PERSONS

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2. ACCOMODATION:

GRAND HOTEL UNION
Miklošičeva 1
1000 LJUBLJANA
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Fax: +386 1 308 1015
www.gh-union.si

3. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Ljubljana's Jože Pučnik Airport is situated 26 km north of the Ljubljana city centre. The journey by car from the airport to the centre of Ljubljana takes approximately half an hour.

4. REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Participants registering for the conference are requested to use the appropriate registration form.

The registration desk will be located in the lobby of the Grand Hotel Union and will be open on 1 June 2008 from 16.00 to 19.30, whereas on 2 June 2008, registration will take place at the premises of the National Assembly before the meeting. Participants are kindly asked to present a valid form of identification.

5. IDENTIFICATION BADGES

For security reasons, participants are required to wear and visibly display identification badges whenever entering the premises of the National Assembly and at all times during the conference.

There will be no admittance to any aspect of the programme without the appropriate identity badge.

6. GUIDED TOUR

On Sunday 1 June 2008 participants are invited to join a guided tour of Ljubljana in English and French starting at 17.00 in front of the hotel.

Please indicate your wish to participate in the tour of the city on the Registration Form.

7. RECEPTIONS

1 June 2008 at 20.00 - reception at the Villa Podrožnik (departure by bus at 19.45 in front of the Grand Hotel Union)

2 June 2008 - buffet lunch at the National Assembly

2 June 2008 - dinner at the Festival Hall (departure by bus at 19.45 in front of the Grand Hotel Union)

3 June 2008 - lunch during the excursion

8. EXCURSION

On 3 June 2008, participants are invited to join an excursion. The departure of buses is envisaged at 8.30 in front of the hotel. You shall receive further information at a later date.

9. DOCUMENTATION

All available conference materials will be distributed at the conference venue.

10. INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Slovenian. Delegations may also bring their own interpreters.

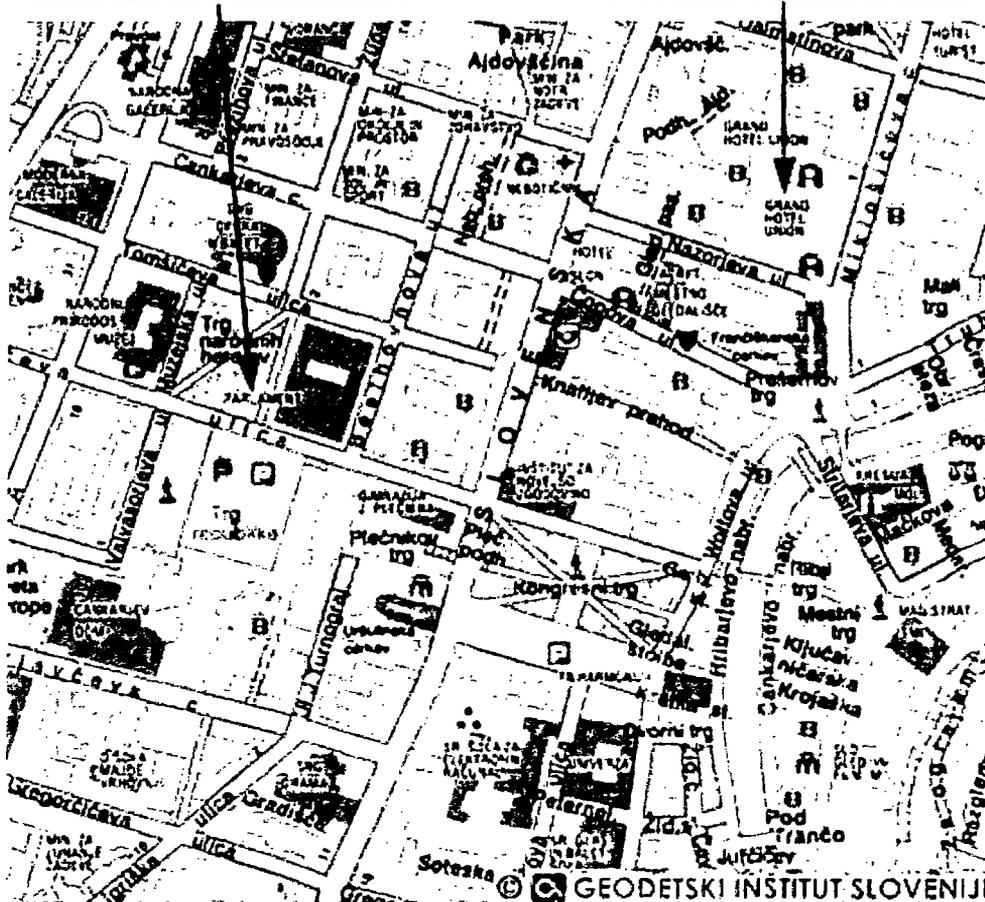
If you are accompanied by your own interpreters, please let us know the languages and the number of interpreters involved. Please note that the translation booths will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

11. TRANSPORT

The Grand Hotel Union is located in the city centre, within a 10 minute walk of the National Assembly. A shuttle service will also be provided from the hotel to the National Assembly, particularly in the case of bad weather.

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12. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

Telephone, fax, e-mail, and internet services will be provided.

The post office is located near the National Assembly Building (Pošta Slovenije, Slovenska cesta 32, Ljubljana).

13. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

For all questions regarding medical care, please contact your hotel reception or the conference staff.

The national emergency number is 112.

14. PHARMACIES

The nearest pharmacies to the National Assembly and the hotel are:

- Centralna lekarna, Prešernov trg 5, Ljubljana, tel.: +386 1 244 2360
- Lekarna Miklošič, Miklošičeva ulica 24, Ljubljana, tel.: +386 1 230 6252

15. SECURITY

The National Assembly will provide all necessary security measures.

16. COFFEE BREAK

Coffee break service will be provided during the conference.

17. SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in public buildings in Slovenia.

18. WEATHER

In Ljubljana, the average June temperature is 17° Celsius. During the day temperatures may exceed 25 Celsius. For a more detailed weather forecast, please visit:
<http://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/en/>.

19. CURRENCY

The Slovenian currency is the Euro (€). Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

20. ELECTRICITY

220 V. Standard European outlet.

21. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Flight Information.....+386 4 206 1981
Emergency number.....112
Police.....113

22. BANKING SERVICES

Several banks and cash dispensers are located close to the Grand Hotel Union and the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

23. ABOUT LJUBLJANA AND SLOVENIA

Invitations, registration forms, and additional information are available at: www.dz-rs.si/predsedovanje. For more information on Slovenia and Ljubljana, please visit: www.slovenia.info, www.ljubljana.si.

MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEES
RÉUNION DES COMITÉS DE L'AGRICULTURE
Ljubljana, 2 and 3 June 2008 / Ljubljana, 2 et 3 juin 2008

Registration form / Formulaire d'inscription

Please complete one registration form for each person attending the conference and **return it by fax (+386 1) 478 9592 or e-mail: viktorija.roser@dz-rs.si by 2 May 2008 at the latest.**
Veuillez remplir un formulaire d'inscription par participant et **le retourner par fax (+386 1) 478 9592 ou e-mail: viktorija.roser@dz-rs.si au plus tard le 2 mai 2008.**

Last name / Nom: First name / Prénom:

Function / Fonction:

Parliament / Parlement:

Address / Adresse:

City / Ville: Country / Pays:

Tel / Tél: Fax:

Email:

Date of arrival / Date d'arrivée: Flight number / Numéro de vol:

Date of departure / Date de départ: Flight number / Numéro de vol:

**Please note that the National Assembly shall not provide any transfer services from or to the airport. / Veuillez noter que l'Assemblée nationale ne fournira pas de transfert aller-retour entre l'aéroport et l'hôtel.*

I will attend / Je participerai

- Guided tour of Ljubljana, 1 June 2008 / Visite guidée de Ljubljana, le 1 juin 2008
- Reception, 1 June 2008 / Réception, le 1 juin 2008
- Lunch, 2 June 2008 / Déjeuner, le 2 juin 2008
- Dinner, 2 June 2008 / Dîner, le 2 juin 2008
- Excursion, 3 June 2008 / Excursion, le 3 juin 2008

Special diet / Régime alimentaire:

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French. If you are accompanied by your own interpreters, please let us know the languages and the number of interpreters involved. Please note that the translation booths will be distributed on the first-come, first-served basis.
L'interprétation simultanée sera assurée en anglais et en français. Si vous serez accompagné de vos interprètes privés, veuillez nous faire savoir les langues d'interprétation et le nombre d'interprètes concernés. Veuillez noter que les cabines d'interprétation seront distribuées selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi.

For further information please contact Viktorija Rošer by telephone (+386 1) 478 9591. / Pour toute autre information veuillez contacter Viktorija Rošer au téléphone (+386 1) 478 9591.



GRAND HOTEL UNION
Hotel and Conference Center

HOTEL BOOKING FORM
MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEES
Ljubljana, 2 and 3 June 2008

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATION: 2. 5. 2008

COUNTRY:	House of Parliament:	
Last name:	First Name:	
Address:		
Postal Code:	City:	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:	
Email:		
Arrival date:		
Departure date:		
TYPE OF ROOM REQUIRED:		
Single <input type="checkbox"/> 155,00 € (TVA + breakfast included)	Double (single occupancy) <input type="checkbox"/> 165,60 € (TVA + breakfast included)	Double (double occupancy) <input type="checkbox"/> 184,00 € (TVA + breakfast included)
Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking <input type="checkbox"/>		
City tax of 1,01 euro per person per day is not included in the rates.		
CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE: Your credit card is required to secure the rooms. Payment should be made directly with the hotel. By completing this form I accept the terms and conditions of booking.		
Credit card type: VISA <input type="checkbox"/> / MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> / DINERS <input type="checkbox"/> / AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> / OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name on card:		
Number on card:		
Last 3 digits on card (CVC code):		
Expiry date:		
CANCELLATION CONDITIONS		
Cancellation Fees: All cancellations and changes must be notified in writing and sent to the Grand hotel Union within dates indicated below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cancellation within 30 - 7 days prior to arrival: 100% of the room price for the first night• Cancellation less than 7 days prior to arrival: 80% of the room price for all nights• No-show: 100 % charge of the room rate for all reserved period		
No additional charges are incurred for name changes.		
In case of no-show or late cancellation as specified above, the hotel will charge the credit card provided with the hotel booking form.		
Signature:		

Special room rates for the participants of the **conference** have been negotiated. To take advantage of these rates and to ensure your accommodation, please return the booking form directly to the **HOTEL by 2 May 2008 at the latest.**

Please note that after this deadline rooms and rates will be based upon availability. Accommodation will be booked on "first come, first served" basis (also for no smoking room), and delegates kindly asked to book early. These special rates only apply if booked through the accommodation form.

Check in after 2 p.m. on arrival date; check out until 10 a.m. on departure date.

To book your accommodation please complete one booking form per participant and return it to:

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