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We are delighted to invite you, or a representative of your committee, to participate in a "Joint Committee Meeting" on the role of budgetary control committees in national parliaments with regard to the control of the Community budget to be held with the Chairmen of Committees of national parliaments within the Union, and of the acceding countries Romania and Bulgaria, responsible for budgetary control.

The meeting will take place on 9 - 10 October 2006 at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The objective of the meeting is to raise mutual understanding of the role that budgetary control committees of national parliaments have in the control and scrutiny of the Community budget. A particular issue to be addressed will be the position of national budgetary control committees on specific issues raised in the European Parliament's 2003 and 2004 discharge resolutions, such as the question of *national management declarations* and the *role of national audit institutions in relation to EU funds*.

The meeting programme includes time for presentations by experts as well as time for an intensive exchange of views between representatives from national parliaments and Members of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control.

We hope you will find the draft programme for this Joint Committee Meeting of interest. If you are able to participate in the meeting we would like to ask you to inform us by completing and returning the enclosed registration form not later than 4 September 2006.

We do hope that you will be able to attend this meeting and look forward to seeing you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely

Szabolcs FAZAKAS
Chairman of the European Parliament's
Committee on Budgetary Control

Anni SINNEMÄKI
Chairman of the Subcommittee for
Administration and Control in the
Parliament of Finland

Annexes Official translation of the letter into French
Draft programme in English and French
Registration form in English and French
Practical information in English

DRAFT PROGRAMME

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

**THE ROLE OF BUDGETARY CONTROL COMMITTEES
IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS,
IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO
THE CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY BUDGET**

Monday, 9 October 2006

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Arrival

Registration

- 15.00 - 15.15 Opening session by
Mr Szabolcs Fazakas, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, and
Mrs Anni Sinnemäki, Member of the Parliament of Finland and Chairman of the
Subcommittee for Administration and Control
- 15.15 - 15.30 Presentation of issues raised in European Parliament's 2003 and 2004 discharge
reports by Mr Jan Mulder, rapporteur for the 2004 discharge to the Commission
- 15.30 - 16.10 Shared management and declarations by Member States' central authorities by Mr
Brian Gray, Deputy-Director General and Accounting Officer of the European
Commission
- 16.10 - 18.20 Discussion
Reactions and interventions from representatives of national parliaments and
Members of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control
- 18.20 - 18.30 Closing of the discussion by Mr Jan Mulder, rapporteur for the 2004 discharge to
the Commission
- 19.00 - 19.30 Apéritif
- 19:30 Dinner (hosted by the European Parliament in the Member's restaurant)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006 morning

- 9.00 - 9.10 Resuming of the session by
Mr Szabolcs Fazakas, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, and Mrs
Anni Sinnemäki, Member of the Parliament of Finland and Chairman of the
Subcommittee for Administration and Control
- 9.10 - 9.40 GUEST SPEAKER
- 9.40 - 9.50 Summing up and future perspectives by Mr Jan Mulder, rapporteur for the 2004
discharge to the Commission
- 9:50 - 10.20 Internal and external audit in the European Union and the possible role of national
audit institutions by Mr....., Member of the European Court of Auditors
- 10.20 - 10.50 Presentations of the decision by the Dutch government to explore the feasibility of
preparing an ex-post statement of assurance by Mr Gerrit Zalm, Finance Minister,
The Netherlands
- 10.50 - 12.40 Discussion
Reactions and interventions from representatives of national parliaments and
Members of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control
- 12.40 - 12.55 Winding up by Mrs Anni Sinnemäki, Member of the Parliament of Finland and
Chairman of the Subcommittee for Administration and Control
- 13.00 End of the meeting