The Assembly of Albania

STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

MODERNPOLITICS POLITISCHE AKADEMIE DER ÖVP

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Ref.: **Invitation to the Workshop "Engaging South Eastern European Parliamentarians in the Fight against organised crime", 11 - 12 April 2006, Tirana, Albania**

Dear Chairman,
Dear Deputy-Chairman,
Dear Expert,

We are pleased to invite you to the regional workshop "Engaging South Eastern European Parliamentarians in the Fight against organised crime" that is to be held on 11 - 12 April 2006, in Albania, Tirana. This workshop is organised in cooperation with the Albanian Assembly, the Stability Pact Initiative against Organised Crime, the OSCE Presence in Albania, the Political Academy of the Austrian People Party and the Austrian Development Agency.

The event is part of a project to initiate a network among the Justice and Home Affairs parliamentary committees in SEE. During the 2005-2006 Balkan Tour, the former SPOC Chairman, Dr. Hubert Pirker, currently Member of the Committee for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs within the European Parliament, received full support for connecting the regional parliamentarians on Justice and Home Affairs with their European colleagues. This event is also held in response to a request for support in organising a meeting of parliamentarians, which would promote regional co-operation in fighting organised crime, which the Albanian Assembly addressed to international partners.

The meeting is aiming at concrete discussions amongst parliamentary experts on strengthening parliamentary oversight in following-up the ratification of legislation on fighting organised criminal activities. Furthermore, we expect ideas and suggestions from participants for 10 specific proposals on how to further fight organised crime in South Eastern Europe and strengthen the regional co-operation to that effect, for the use of the SEE parliamentarians.

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Please find attached the draft agenda, the questionnaire and the administrative details.

Your early reply by 28 March 2006, to Mr. Christian PASSIN (e-mail: passin@modernpolitics.at, phone + 43 1 814 2051, mobile + 43 664 808 14 251, fax: + 43 1 814 2057) and Cc: Mr. Johan HOMMES (e-mail: johan.hommes@osce.org, phone + 355 68 206 9918) would be highly appreciated.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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