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Dear Speaker, dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to the second edition of the High-level Interparliamentary Conference on Migration and Asylum in Europe on Monday 14 June 2021 in the European Parliament. The Conference is organised under our joint auspices and in cooperation with the German and Slovenian Parliaments.

Even though we would have preferred an in-person meeting, the Conference will take place remotely via videoconference due to the current limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aim of the Conference is to promote a broad dialogue on the management of migration in Europe, deepening the inter-parliamentary process launched last November. We believe that this meeting can help define comprehensive and sustainable approaches to migration challenges, which have been further heightened by the pandemic. The conference will bring together political leaders, policymakers and, also, practitioners. A particular focus will be the external dimension of asylum and migration policies: how to build comprehensive partnerships with countries of origin and transit, tackling root causes of migration, and promoting a stable socio-economic environment in third countries.

We are convinced that by listening to each other's points of view, this conference can help us make progress and find common ground on European Union (EU) asylum and migration policies, which is priority for EU citizens.

We hope that your Parliament will be represented, and we are convinced that your participation will contribute to fruitful discussions on this important issue.

We are pleased to send you the preliminary draft agenda. Further details of the meeting will be sent in due course to your Parliament's services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the European Parliament

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