

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STORTING

18 December 2015

Dear Speaker, Dear President,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your kind letter with the calendar of conferences and meetings to be held within the parliamentary dimension of the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union over the next six months.

The calendar covers a number of highly interesting events. Norway is closely associated with the EU through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement and a number of other agreements, With the EU and Norway so deeply integrated we share a common interest in increased cooperation and knowledge sharing, Participation in the meetings forecasted this spring provides an opportunity to this end and is highly appreciated by the Norwegian Parliament.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with the EU Presidency of the Netherlands this spring.

Yours faithfully,

Olemic Thommessen

H.E. Ms. Ankie Broekers-Knol President of the Senate The Kingdom of the Netherlands H.E. Ms. Anouchka van Miltenburg Speaker of the House of Representatives The Kingdom of the Netherlands