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Invitation: Copenhagen Energy Security Dialogues

On behalf of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we are pleased to invite you to the *Copenhagen Energy Security Dialogues*. This high-level energy and foreign policy forum will take place November 2, 2014, at the Eigtveds Pakhus in Copenhagen, Denmark. The forum will be opened by UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and feature high-level participants from across the world.

Energy is at the core of today's greatest challenges. This year we have seen energy as a prominent concern in the crisis in Ukraine. Globally, the difficulty of procuring sufficient energy resources or even providing basic energy access inhibits progress on development goals and poses a very real challenge to human security. The demand for energy is expected to grow as the global population grows and more people are lifted out of poverty. This increased energy demand will heighten concerns over the security of supplies and energy-related emissions. The lack of diversified energy supplies, comprehensive energy efficiency policies and interconnected energy markets make even long-established energy producers vulnerable to energy disruptions.

The transatlantic partners seek the engagement of developing countries and emerging economies to collectively identify best practices and solutions to energy challenges with a view to improving global energy security. Managing the array of available energy sources – from new oil and natural gas discoveries, including shale gas, to innovative renewable technologies – is a challenge that the global community must address together in the pursuit of sustainable development and improved energy security.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the German Marshall Fund of the United States are therefore launching the *Copenhagen Energy Security Dialogues* to bring together leaders from the United States, Europe and emerging economies to build greater understanding and cooperation on common energy, security and development goals. The forum will create a unique atmosphere for intellectual exchange that will allow participants to identify key areas of common concern, disseminate best practices in policy and technological solutions, and provide policy direction to existing platforms for energy, development, and security cooperation.

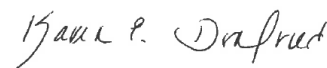
Please note that we need your response no later than October 29 in which you are kindly asked to include full name, title, organization, and contact details to rikkhu@um.dk. Due to security regulations, a formal reply is required for admittance. We look forward to your presence at the event and invite you to observe the main sessions and take part in the discussions that follow.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us in November.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Martin Lidegaard
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