

Committee on Constitutional Affairs The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

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Dear Chair,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to an Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) that the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) will hold on Wednesday 25 October 2023.

The main aim of this Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting is to exchange views with national Parliaments on the preparations to the European Elections in 2024.

AFCO is currently working on an important own initiative report on the European Elections 2024, under the co-rapporteurship of Mr Sven Simon (EPP) and Mr Domènec Ruiz Devesa (S&D), the aim of which is to convey Parliament's key political messages to strengthen the European dimension of the organization of the elections in June 2024 and the process leading up to the election of the President of the Commission. We would like to use the opportunity of the ICM on 25 October 2023 to have an in-depth exchange of views with national Parliaments on ways of strengthening European democracy at the next election to the European Parliament, which will provide further food for thought to the AFCO report.

I would thus, like to cordially invite you, together with a small delegation from your committee to the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of AFCO, to be held on 25 October 2023. In this context, I would be very pleased to welcome up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bicameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting. Please be informed that the meeting will be held in hybrid format. The meeting will be followed by a reception, which will provide an opportunity to continue exchanges in an informal atmosphere. Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our Members and other participants.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation, and I am looking forward to your participation in this event on 25 October 2023 and to a constructive and fruitful debate.

In attachment, you will find a copy of the draft programme of the meeting. A final copy will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Draft Programme of the AFCO Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of 25 October 2023