

Committee on Foreign Affairs  
The Chair

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Dear Chair, dear colleague,

I would like to cordially invite you, together with a small delegation from your committee, to an **inter-parliamentary committee meeting** of the Foreign Affairs Committee on **4 December 2019**. The future Vice-President/High Representative, Mr Josep Borrell, and the future Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement will be invited to address us at this meeting, once confirmed by the European Parliament.

At the outset of a new European political cycle, I believe that this is an excellent moment for a debate on the EU's foreign policy orientations for the coming years. EU foreign policy finds itself at a critical juncture. Confronted with a global environment characterised by geopolitical rivalry and growing challenges to the rules-based international order, the EU must take on a global leadership role and be more assertive in protecting and promoting its interests and values. The next years will be decisive for defining the EU's future role on the global scene.

The debate with the new Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement will also allow us to discuss the way forward for the EU's relations with the Western Balkan countries and the future of enlargement more generally after the disappointing "non-decision" on accession talks with Albania and North Macedonia.

As you can see in the attached draft programme, the event will take place in the afternoon of 4 December and will be preceded by a working lunch for the heads of delegation. The final programme will be circulated in due time.

I hope you will be able to join us on 4 December and look forward to a fruitful debate.

Yours sincerely,



David McAllister