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Chairman of the European Affairs
Committee

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Chairman of the Foreign Policy
Committee

The Folketing
of the Kingdom of Denmark

Dear Sirs,

Recalling with pleasure my meeting you in Copenhagen recently, I would like to thank you again for the possibility to share with you on the issues of importance for my country and for your interest in the development of relations between Belarus and the European institutions.

Further to the meeting I would like to inform you that the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus – the Parliament is initiating a seminar in Belarus on the European Union's enlargement with a special focus on the consequences it might lead to for our country along with Ukraine and Moldova. Along with regarding the enlargement to be a natural and objective process and hoping it will be beneficial for the EU and for Europe at large, we have concerns about possible negative implications of the candidate countries' joining the Union. Our strong belief is that a

joint consideration of the issue and elaboration of necessary steps to prevent formation of new dividing lines, would be of use for both Belarus and the EU. This becomes even more topical because of the idea to introduce a special status of "neighboring country" for Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova which was aired by Minister Bertel Haarder of Denmark during the Baltic Conference held in Stockholm on April 24, 2002.

The seminar on the EU enlargement is planned for autumn and is aimed at raising the Danish Presidency's awareness of Belarus' stand on the relations with the enlarged Union.

The Parliament of Belarus would be honored to invite you to participate in the seminar. I personally hope you will find it possible to visit Belarus and let the discussion benefit from your extensive knowledge and experience. We would also be interested in having at the seminar other Danish MPs and experts whom you could kindly recommend for partaking.

Once again thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

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