



Mr Josep BORRELL FONTELLES
President of the
European Parliament

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Dear President

I have great pleasure in inviting you to a meeting with the members of the European Council on Thursday, 14 December 2006 in Brussels.

The European Council's opening session will start with the traditional exchange of views between you and the Heads of State or Government, from 17.45 to 18.15.

I hope that you will also join us afterwards for the customary photograph at 19.45.

As a follow-up to the June European Council, and on the basis of the Commission communication on the enlargement strategy and its special report on the EU's capacity to integrate new members, the European Council will have a debate covering all aspects of future enlargements. The aim of the discussion is to confirm a common understanding on the future of the enlargement process.

Furthermore, over the dinner I will present a short analysis of the findings of the Constitutional Treaty consultations carried out over the past months.

The European Council will also hold discussions on migration and improvement of the Union's decision-making and action in the field of justice and home affairs. The aim here is to confirm the Member States' commitment to strengthening decision-making in the field of justice and home affairs. On migration the aim is to confirm our commitment to enhancing the global approach to migration and agreeing on the follow-up measures for 2007.

With my best regards and looking forward to seeing you on 14 December.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matti Vanhanen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matti" and the last name "Vanhanen" clearly distinguishable.

Matti Vanhanen
President of the European Council