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Subject: Invitation to a cross-examination session with all chairmen of the European political parties

Dear Mr. Watson,

I herewith would like to invite you to a cross-examination session with the chairmen of all the European political parties in order to question all representatives about their views on regional democracy, subsidiarity and the role of regions in tackling issues such as climate change, immigration, and the global financial crisis.

The Assembly of European Regions (AER) is the largest independent network of regions in the wider Europe, bringing together over 270 regions from 33 countries and 16 interregional organisations. As AER's president, I would like to invite you to participate in this event as a representative of the non-attached MEPs and share your views during our debate.

This "cross-examination" session will take place in Strasbourg, most likely on 5th May, at the European Parliament in the presence of European, national and regional media. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the AER Secretariat in Brussels: Regine Kramer + 32 2 421 8389 (r.kramer@ aer.eu).

Looking forward to meet you in Strasbourg,

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