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vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken**

The Honourable Baroness Ashton  
High Representative of the European Union for Foreign  
Affairs and Security Policy  
Vice President of the European Commission

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Relating                            Invitation to the Netherlands' Parliament

Your Excellency, dear Baroness,

On behalf of the standing committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives of the States General of the Netherlands, I would like to congratulate you upon your appointment as High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The establishment of your post is an important step towards a more coherent and effective EU external policy.

It is my pleasure to hereby kindly invite you to pay a formal visit to our House. The Foreign Affairs Committee would be honoured with the opportunity to discuss with you the challenges for the EU's foreign policy in the years ahead and current issues in world politics. In particular we would like to exchange views on the development of the European External Action Service (EEAS).

I hope you will accept this invitation and I look forward to our cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

drs. H.J. Ormel  
Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee,  
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