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27th EU - Norway Interparliamentary Meeting

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The 27th EU-Norway Interparliamentary Meeting was held in Brussels today.

The European Parliament's delegation, led by **Mr Pat the Cope GALLAGHER** (chairperson, ALDE, Ireland), hosted the meeting with the Norwegian delegation, led by its chairperson **Ms Ine Marie ERIKSEN SØREIDE** (Conservative Party).

Both delegations have expressed their satisfaction with the close political and economic ties between the EU and Norway and stressed the vital cooperation in many important policy areas, such as Common Foreign and Security Policy, energy policy, High North region and environment.

In addition, the Interparliamentary Meeting was focused on the following topics:

- Relations between the European Union and Norway with addresses by:
 - **H.E. Mrs. Oda Helen SLETNES**, Ambassador of Norway to the EU,
 - **Mr Gianluca GRIPPA**, Head of Western Europe Unit, European External Action Service;
- Parliamentary Scrutiny of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy / Common Security and Defence Policy, in particular following the dissolution of the Western European Union Assembly in June 2011;
- The situation in the Middle East and North Africa, including developments in Libya;
- Development of the EU legislation, including the Third Postal Services, Data Retention and Deposit Guarantee Scheme Directives;
- Fisheries policies, with regard to the reform of EU Common Fisheries Policy as well as management of mackerel stocks.

The next Interparliamentary Meeting is scheduled to take place in 2012 in Norway.

Members of the European Parliament present:

Mr Pat the Cope GALLAGHER	ALDE, Ireland (Chairperson)
Ms Anna HEDH	S&D, Sweden (1st Vice-Chairperson)
Mr Thomas ULMER	EPP, Germany (2nd Vice-Chairperson)
Mr Indrek TARAND	Greens/EFA, Estonia
Mr Michael GAHLER	EPP, Germany
Ms Jolanta Emilia HIBNER	EPP, Poland

Members of Stortinget present:

Ms Ine Eriksen SØREIDE	Conservative Party (Chairperson)
Mr Svein Roald HANSEN	Labour Party (Vice-Chairperson)
Mr Sverre MYRLI	Labour Party
Ms Laila GUSTAVSEN	Labour Party
Mr Tore NORDTUN	Labour Party
Mr Morten HØGLUND	Progress Party
Mr Peter GITMARK	Conservative Party
Mr Ivar KRISTIANSEN	Conservative Party
Mr Willy PEDERSEN	Labour Party

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