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On behalf of the Liberal Group at the European Parliament, we have been asked to organise a Seminar on European approaches to the Suppression of Terrorism. The title of the meeting will be The Individual, The State and Terrorism in Europe. It will be held at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on 2nd to 4th June, and will be attended by representatives from a number of political parties in the European Liberal Democratic & Reformist Group, and also by some Academics, a number of them of quite high standing.

I understand that the Northern Ireland Office has expressed some willingness to arrange a reception for the participants to the Seminar, and I would be most keen if you would find it possible to address the participants at this reception on the evening of Thursday 2nd. The meeting is being held in Northern Ireland, because of course, we have here the most serious and chronic terrorist problem in Western Europe, and as the Minister of State with responsibility for security, your own understandings and perceptions of how to deal with the different aspects of the terrorist menace would be a most welcome and valued contribution to the meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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