

The President

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Dear Anders,

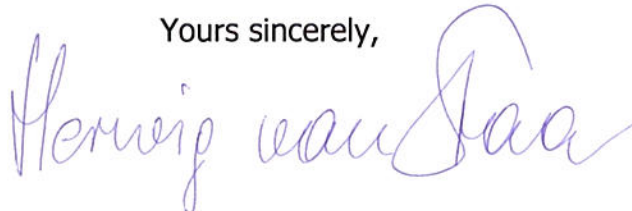
It is with great sorrow that I learnt of the passing away of Britt-Marie Lövgren on Christmas Day. She will leave a huge void in our assembly.

We will remember her for her quiet dedication, commitment and energy, and her many contributions to the work of the Congress. She represented the Congress on numerous occasions, as Congress rapporteur on equality, and also as Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee and as President of the Council of Europe Stakeholder Platform on the Strategy for innovation and good governance at local level. As rapporteur, she steered a number of important reports through the Congress.

She also led Congress delegations to observe local elections and monitor the European Charter of Local Self-Government. Just a few weeks ago, she expressed her desire to participate in the next Congress election observation mission. In short, Britt-Marie was an example and inspiration to us and it was an honour to have worked with her.

Our thoughts go to her family and colleagues. In the name of the members of the Bureau and all the colleagues of the Congress, I present our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences and ask you to transmit them to her husband and family.

Yours sincerely,



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