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**Conference on the Financial Transaction Tax
Europeans for Financial Reform Alliance**

Dear participants,

After the devastation of the economic crisis, and the anger that this has provoked, there is now genuine political momentum for the establishment of a global financial transaction tax (FTT). Facing the new global challenges of unemployment, climate change and fighting poverty, it is clear that a financial transaction tax has become a priority.

Although there is an unprecedented groundswell of support for the FTT – among citizens, civil society and progressive politicians - this has not been mirrored by concrete action at G20 level.

For this reason, the first Conference of the Europeans for Financial Reform initiative will look in detail at how we can make a financial transaction tax a reality. The Europeans for Financial Reform (a coalition of progressive forces, ranging from NGOs to Trade Unions, citizens, academics and progressive politicians) have come together to spearhead a campaign for real reform in our banking and financial system.

The Conference will take place on **15th March 2010 in the Solvay library in Brussels from 2 pm until 6 pm.**, and will be co-organized by the Global Progressive Forum and the Foundation for Europeans Progressive Studies.

This seminar aims to embolden you, our allies and opinion-shapers, to further generate political momentum towards the realization of this essential instrument for the global financial system.

Please find attached a Draft Programme and the Technical Details. We would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance to pamela.stewart@europarl.europa.eu.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Best regards,

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