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As announced through ASEM contact points, Denmark will be hosting the Fourth Conference on Counter Terrorism in Copenhagen on 26 – 27 June 2006. The conference is co-sponsored by China, Germany, Indonesia, and the United Kingdom. Attached you will find a draft program and an administrative circular.

In the ASEM Copenhagen Declaration on Cooperation against International Terrorism, adopted at ASEM4 in Copenhagen in 2002, leaders declared that acts of international terrorism constitute one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and a challenge to all states and to all of humanity. They pledged to work together to combat this threat based on the principles of the UN Charter and basic norms of international law, and emphasized the importance of sustaining the momentum of international cooperation against terrorism and the leading role of the United Nations. Leaders also agreed on a series of activities to enhance ASEM Cooperation on international terrorism and transnational organized crime.

Against this background, ASEM Conferences on Counter Terrorism were held in Beijing 2003, Berlin 2004, and Semarang 2005. The Fourth Conference on Counter Terrorism in Copenhagen will build on the important work already carried forward during these events and seek ways to strengthen the cooperation further.

The Copenhagen conference will focus on strengthening the UN's leading role and ASEM cooperation on counter-terrorism. Acknowledging that the fight against terrorism requires a comprehensive approach by the international community comprising political, economic, diplomatic, military, and legal means in accordance with international law and respect for human rights, the conference will address both the concrete aspects of cooperation between regional partners in disrupting terrorist networks and preventing terrorist attacks, as well as the issue of preventing radicalisation and recruitment to terrorism. Furthermore, the confer-

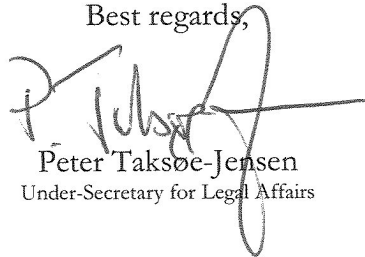
ence will address the issue of making best use of the Security Council's Committee on Counter Terrorism (CTC) in accordance with Security Council resolution 1373.

To foster and facilitate frank discussions, the work of will be divided into four working groups, two of which will be held in parallel. The conference will be designed to be as conducive as possible to developing concrete recommendations and conclusions for future action in preparation for ASEM 6 in Helsinki. Please find further information in the enclosed draft program. We intend to send out further material as background for the discussions during the coming weeks.

For practical reasons, we ask each delegation to limit itself to a maximum of four participants. Please return the registration form no later than June 14<sup>th</sup> 2006.

We look forward to welcoming you in Copenhagen.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Taksøe-Jensen', written over a printed name and title.

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