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European Parliament Welcomes Politics on Film

***President Hans-Gert Pottering says films “bring politics to life”
and “stimulate public debate”***

WASHINGTON—The President of the European Parliament welcomed the launch of *Politics on Film* in a statement released today and encouraged participation by the European filmmaking community, noting that festivals “have a special part to play in communicating the excitement which all of us in politics and government feel about the importance of public service and democratic choice.”

Pottering states, “The European Parliament...is strongly of the view that film-making can play an important role in encouraging a better understanding of the political process, in deepening discussion of major issues, and in promoting greater international and intercultural exchange.”

He continues, “I therefore warmly welcome the launch of Politics on Film in Washington, DC and wish it every success. I would like to encourage the fullest possible European participation in the festival – whether by EU film-makers submitting entries for the competition or European citizens simply enjoying the opportunity to see political cinema at its very best.”

The entire statement can be viewed here:

<http://www.politicsonfilm.com/euroLetter.php>

Politics on Film is a project of the Washington Political Film Foundation and is made possible by an alliance with the **Bipartisan Policy Center** (BPC), a research and advocacy organization that seeks to unite the constructive center in the pursuit of viable policy goals.

More information is available at <http://www.politicsonfilm.com>

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About Politics on Film

Politics on Film is a project of the Washington Political Film Foundation. It is an annual, bipartisan film festival based in Washington DC dedicated to providing a platform for films

that tell stories of America's politics and policies. The festival celebrates the power of film to educate and motivate, as well as entertain. The Festival also celebrates the historic and ongoing legacy of films about American government and democracy, as well as related stories and themes from an international perspective. www.politicsonfilm.com.

About the Bipartisan Policy Center

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