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We call upon all political scientists in the Nordic countries to send in articles and reports for consideration, even in rough drafts. It is important for us to establish the closest possible links with all departments and universities and we look forward to extensive interchanges in the years to come.

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