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Dear Friends

### **Framework for Action – discussion with Meetings**

You may have noticed that the Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA) is mentioned on page five of the *Framework for Action* booklet. If you would like to know more about our work, you may find the enclosed leaflet helpful.

Current QCEA project work includes:

- Women in prison – this is due to be a key debate in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly in April 2009
- Looking at alternatives to custody
- Sustainable energy security - looking at the interface between energy supply and human rights
- Working on civilian peace-building capacity
- Working on EU institutional developments including enlargement, the EU Budget and the European Parliament Elections 2009.

QCEA British Committee, which exists to support the work of QCEA, arranges opportunities to learn more each year. One is a short visit with overnight stay in Brussels on 3-4 March 2009 to visit the European Parliament and other institutions. The British Committee also has its own website: [www.qceabc.org.uk](http://www.qceabc.org.uk).

QCEA's annual study tour, which includes meetings, talks and visits to several European institutions in Brussels and Strasbourg, will take place 18-26 April 2009. For further information please see the website: [www.quaker.org/qcea](http://www.quaker.org/qcea) or write to Quaker House, Square Ambiorix 50, B-1000 Brussels, email: [studytours@qcea.org](mailto:studytours@qcea.org).

To find out more about this and other Quaker work at a European level, you could become an associate member of QCEA, or your meeting could become an associate or supporting member. You will then be sent the monthly newsletter *Around Europe* as well as a copy of our various other reports as published.

There is a special associate members' conference every other year. The next one will be in autumn 2010.

We will also be present at Yearly Meeting Gathering in York.

In the meantime we look forward to receiving your views on how we can serve Quakers better.

In Friendship

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