

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Prague, 21 December 2011

Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker

Thank you for your letter dated 29 November 2011 where you informed me on the proposal of the Polish Presidency with respect to the next steps in parliamentary scrutiny of CFSP and CSDP.

I would like to inform you that I forwarded all the materials for discussion to the specialized committees of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic - namely the Foreign Affairs Committee, the European Affairs Committee and the Defense Committee. The Foreign Affairs Committee and the European Affairs Committee adopted resolutions, which are attached to this letter. The Defense Committee could not meet to discuss the draft of the Polish presidency and thus the Committee only accepted an opinion of the chairman and vice-chairmen, where they refer to the Committee's resolution on the issue adopted in March 2011.

The Committees in their decision took account of current developments regarding CFSP / CSDP and their opinion will be the basis for the position, that the Chamber of Deputies will defend in further negotiations on this issue.

Resolutions of the specialized committees will also be the basis for my mandate, as the Speaker of the Lower House of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, for the next Conference of the Speakers of Parliaments of the EU in April 2012 in Warsaw, where the question of CFSP and CSDP will be discussed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Ewa Kopacz
Speaker of the Sejm
WARSAW

Mr. Bogdan Borusewicz
Speaker of the Senate
WARSAW

Parliament of the Czech Republic
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
2011
6th term

163rd

RESOLUTION

of the Committee on European Affairs
of its 23 Meeting held on 8 December 2011

on the Parliamentary discussion on the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy

Upon hearing the justification presented by Jan Bauer - the Committee's chairman, and after deliberation, the Committee on European Affairs:

1. **acknowledges** the proposal of the Polish Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of National Parliaments of EU member states, which sets out the representation of national parliaments at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which supervises the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy. The national parliaments shall have 4 delegates and 2 alternates and the European Parliament shall be represented by 16 delegates.
2. **recalls** its Resolution No. 79 adopted at its 12th meeting held on 23 March 2011. In that Resolution, the Committee expressed its conviction that the European Parliament should be represented at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which supervises the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy, with the equal number of delegates as the national parliaments of EU member states, i.e. 6 delegates, especially with regard to the ongoing intergovernmental nature of co-operation in this field.
3. **expresses** its surprise that the numbers of delegates of national parliaments and the European Parliament were agreed based on the consultation of the Polish Presidency and the European Parliament without the knowledge of national parliaments. The European Affairs Committee hopes that the conclusions of the Conference of Speakers of National Parliaments held in April this year will be respected, according to which the agenda shall be set by the presiding country, which shall also preside over the conference, and the conference shall decide by consensus, i.e. each delegation de facto has a veto right.
4. **instructs** the chairman of the Committee to inform Madam Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies on this Resolution.

Josef Šenfeld m.p.
Verifier

Jan Bauer m.p.
Chairman

Parliament of the Czech Republic
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
2011
6th term

149th

RESOLUTION

of the Foreign Affairs Committee
of its 16th Meeting held on 8 December 2011

on the Parliamentary discussion on the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy

Upon hearing the justification presented by deputy David Vodrážka - the Committee's chairman, and after deliberation, the Foreign Affairs Committee:

1. **acknowledges** the proposal of the Polish Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of National Parliaments of EU member states, which sets out the representation of national parliaments at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which supervises the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy. The national parliaments shall have 4 delegates and 2 alternates and the European Parliament shall be represented by 16 delegates.
2. **recalls** its Resolution No. 87 adopted at its 9th meeting held on 2 March 2011. In that Resolution, the Committee expressed its conviction that the European Parliament should be represented at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which supervises the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy, with the equal number of delegates as the national parliaments of EU member states, i.e. 6 delegates, especially with regard to the ongoing intergovernmental nature of co-operation in this field.
3. **expresses** its surprise that the numbers of delegates of national parliaments and the European Parliament were agreed based on the consultation of the Polish Presidency and the European Parliament without the knowledge of national parliaments. The Foreign Affairs Committee hopes that the conclusions of the Conference of Speakers of National Parliaments held in April this year will be respected, according to which the agenda shall be set by the presiding country, which shall also preside over the conference, and the conference shall decide by consensus, i.e. each delegation de facto has a veto right.
4. **instructs** the chairman of the Committee to inform Madam Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies on this Resolution.

Květa Matušovská m.p.
Verifier

David Vodrážka m.p.
Chairman