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PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
THE SENATE
MILAN ŠTĚCH
PRESIDENT

Prague, January 26, 2012

Your Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of November 29 with a compromise proposal considering the new interparliamentary conference on common EU foreign, security and defence policy. You suggested delegations composed of four members and two alternates for national parliaments and sixteen members for the European Parliament.

The Senate of the Czech Republic has in the long term maintained a position that parliamentary scrutiny of the common foreign, security and defence policy is essential and that it should be performed primarily by national parliaments. Therefore, both chambers of the Parliament of the Czech Republic have passed resolutions clearly giving preference to equal representation of national parliaments and the European Parliament in the new conference.

Nevertheless, since I do believe that a solution should be found quickly, the Senate of the Czech Republic is ready to agree to the suggested compromise, in case a clear majority of national parliaments accept it, not to block further negotiations.

Finally, let me thank you for the effort you devoted to the preparation of the above mentioned compromise proposal and wish you every success in further negotiations.

Looking forward to meeting you in Warsaw during the Conference of Speakers, I remain

Sincerely yours

Her Excellency
Ms Ewa KOPACZ
Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland

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