



Parlamentul României
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To: Ms. Ewa Kopacz

Marshal of the Sejm

To: Mr. Bogdan Borusewicz

Marshal of the Senate

Bucharest, December 20th, 2011

Re: Proposal on the parliamentary oversight on CFSP/CSDP

Dear colleagues,

We thank you for all your endeavour and attention, which have been focused on the establishment of the new interparliamentary structures aimed to maintain democratic control of the European Union common foreign affairs, security and defence policy. We concur with the argument that parliamentary involvement is of a unique importance in these areas, especially in the current significantly challenging international situation.

The highest denominator is difficult to be achieved, as we are all aware after the latest EU Speakers Conference and your recent exchange of views with President Buzek that you have just let us know about through your letter.

My opinion, without being a formal position of the Senate, is that we have to achieve a final compromise during the next Speaker Conference; if the majority agrees, your proposal is a good basis. However, the decision cannot be postponed any longer as the scrutiny should be carried out on a regular basis; too long negotiations could prevent this goal from achievement.

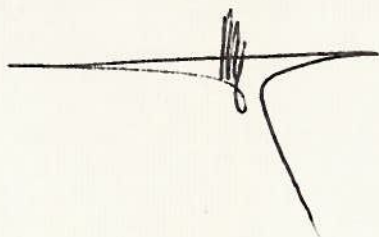
Finally, allow me to express my deep appreciation for your entire activity during the Presidency of the European Union, which your country has taken over during the last six months in a very successful manner.

Looking forward to a fruitful and decisive discussion in Warsaw on this topic,

I remain yours sincerely,

Vasile Blaga,

Speaker of the Romanian Senate

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