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Dear Madam Speaker,

Dear Mr Speaker,

As you may be aware, in the course of our Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of the European Union, we have achieved a change in position of the European Parliament on the format of the Interparliamentary Conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy, including the Common Security and Defence Policy. It appears from our correspondence with President Jerzy Buzek, dated November 15th and November 18th, which you are familiar with, that the European Parliament will accept the composition of the Interparliamentary Conference which would be attended by delegations consisting of members and alternate members. Therefore, we maintain our proposal put forward in the letter to the President of the European Parliament of 15 November 2011, according to which the Conference is to be attended by parliamentary delegations of 4 members and 2 alternate members from each national parliament and a delegation of the European Parliament consisting of 16 MEPs. The parliaments of the candidate countries and Norway may delegate one observer and one alternate observer each.

Having in mind the discussion at the EU Speakers' Conference in Brussels, we consider this proposal to be compromise. Therefore, we kindly ask you to support our proposal and inform us of your opinion by 31 December 2011.

We also believe that during our meeting in Warsaw in April 2012 we will be able to close the debate on the system of parliamentary scrutiny of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, including the Common Security and Defence Policy, also with regard to those points which remained unsettled in the conclusions of the previous Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

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Marshal of the Sejm

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Marshal of the Senate