

Mr. Konstantinos Tsiaras

Chairperson of the Standing Committee of National Defence and Foreign Affairs

Hellenic Parliament

February 12, 2014

Dear Mr. Tsiaras,

First of all, I would like to convey our best wishes of success for the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the first semester of 2014 and more particularly as regards the IV Conference of Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) to be held in Athens on 3-4 April, 2014.

With regards to this Conference, and prior to the Seminar on the Reform of its Rules of Procedure to be held in Athens on February 21, 2014, let me convey the following comments which we hope shall be taken into account by the Greek Presidency and the rest of participants in the Seminar.

As you know, the delegation of the *Cortes Generales* at the CFSP and CSDP Conference put forward two amendments to the draft Rules of Procedure in a letter dated July 31, 2013, addressed to your Lithuanian predecessors. The said amendments were classified as contrary to the Treaty on the European Union in the note drafted on September 5, 2013, by the Lithuanian Presidency.

On behalf of the Spanish delegation, I conveyed on occasion of the Vilnius Conference that, although we support the procedure and calendar proposed by the Lithuanian Presidency as regards the reform of the Rules of Procedure, we disagree with the aforementioned classification of our amendments. On the other hand, I repeatedly requested that this position be clearly reflected in the minutes of the meeting drafted by the Lithuanian Presidency.

Bearing in mind that despite the affirmative reply by the Lithuanian President, the said position was much to our surprise not at all reflected in the minutes of the meeting, let me hereby reiterate the validity of the amendments tabled by the Spanish delegation and the disagreement with the content of the classification proposed by the Lithuanian Presidency.

Let me thank you in advance for presenting our amendments, annexed to this letter, and our position to the Seminar to be held on February 21 in Athens. I trust that this Seminar shall represent one further step forward towards the final achievement of an agreement on the reform of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

Cordially yours,

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CORTES GENERALES

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT TO THE
DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY
CONFERENCE ON CFSP/CSDP**

The Spanish Delegation herewith puts forward the following amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

1. Amendment to article 2.3.a)

2.3. The High Representative, special guests and specialists

a) The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union shall **discuss and set out, in the framework of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference**, the priorities and strategies of the EU in the area of CFSP and CSDP.

2. New article 2.3.b)

b) **To that effect, the High Representative shall submit to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference in advance a statement for review. On an annual basis, the High Representative shall prepare a report related to the conclusions and recommendations agreed by the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. That report may be reviewed every six months.**