

12 September 2017

Hon. Edward Zammit Lewis,
Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee

Please accept my candidateship for the post of Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat for the period starting from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019. I believe that this position is suitable for my career prospects and I can provide a valuable contribution to the Secretariat, as both my academic qualifications and my working experience provide me with the proper skill-set required for the job.

Thanks to my Master's degree in European Studies, I have gained in-depth knowledge on EU law and policy-making, as well as on the general functioning of the Union. My undergraduate and postgraduate studies in philosophy have provided me with both the skill and the confidence to analyse documents and formulate arguments.

I have worked as a Policy Officer in a Ministry's EU Affairs office for five years, after which I worked as a Research Analyst to the Standing Committee for Foreign and European Affairs at the House of Representatives. For the past three years, I have been working in Brussels as the National Representative of the Maltese Parliament. During this last year and a half, given Malta's Presidency and place in the Presidential Troika, I have also been a Member of the COSAC Secretariat. This experience has undoubtedly imparted a great deal of inside knowledge with regard to the inner workings of COSAC. Apart from motivating me to pursue this position, I believe it has also prepared me well to tackle the challenges that it presents by, for instance, teaching me that effective coordination between all members is key to ensure a smooth and timely contribution.

As a Research Analyst, I had already honed my reporting skills through a number of pertinent tasks, including the scrutiny of EU legislative proposals, especially in relation to the principle of subsidiarity, and the drawing up of briefing notes for the Speaker of the House and Members of Parliament.

As National Representative and COSAC Secretariat member, I have attended and accompanied Members of Parliament on numerous COSAC and Interparliamentary Committee Meetings. I have worked alongside the previous Permanent Member and other Secretariat Members while drawing up the bi-annual report and the minutes to the Chairperson and Plenary meetings.

I believe that during my time in Brussels I have proved myself to be reliable and passionate about my work, and able to work cooperatively with others while respecting deadlines.

Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude for considering me for this job position and for taking the time to review my CV that I am sending in attachment to this application. I hope that you will find me an appropriate candidate and look forward to discuss my candidateship in more detail.

Yours Sincerely,



Kenneth Curmi