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Invitation to COSAC Plenary for the Norwegian Parliament

26 March 2012

Dear colleagues in the Presidential Troika of COSAC,

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I have received the attached letter from the Chair of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament in which the Chair asks to be invited for the COSAC Plenary 22-24 April as a special guest.

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According to the rules of procedure of COSAC the Presidency shall consult with the Presidential Troika before inviting other national parliaments as well as specialists and special guests.

I therefore ask you to accept that we – in line with previous presidencies - invite Ms Ine M. Eriksen Søreide as a special guest for the COSAC Plenary Meeting 22-24 April in Copenhagen in her capacity as chair of the European Consultative Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Eva Kjer Hansen
Chairman of the European Affairs Committee



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The Vice-President
The Chair of the Constitutional Committee

Brussels, 27 March 2012

Ms Eva Kjer Hansen
Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee
Parliament of Denmark, *Folketinget*
Copenhagen

Dear Chairperson, dear Colleague,

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2012 asking the European Parliament COSAC Delegation, as well as the other Parliament Members of the Troika, to consider the request of Ms Ine M. Eriksen Søreide, Chair of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament (*Stortinget*) to participate in the next COSAC plenary meeting to be held on 22-24 April in Copenhagen.

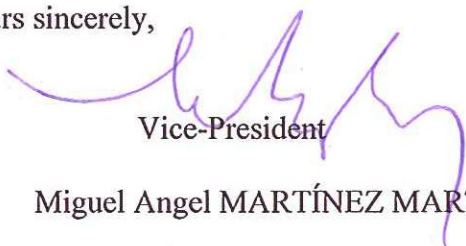
As per the current COSAC Rules of Procedure article 3.3, and in conformity with the established practice, the COSAC Presidency, following consultation with the Presidential Troika, may invite a special guest if there is a close link between the requesting country and the issues on the agenda.


In this particular case, all the points on the agenda, related to EU Internal market issues, suggest that the participation of the Norwegian Parliament *Stortinget* would add great value. Norway, as a member of the European Economic Area (EEA), to which the internal market is extended, could substantially contribute to the COSAC debates.

For this reason, the European Parliament fully supports your invitation of Ms Ine M. Eriksen Søreide, Chair of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, accompanied perhaps by one MP, bringing the *Stortinget* COSAC Delegation to two Members, in order to ensure political balance.

We look forward to seeing you at the COSAC meeting in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,


Vice-President
Miguel Angel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ


Chairman of the
Constitutional Committee
Carlo CASINI

cc: Otmar KARAS, Vice-President



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Le Vice-président
Le Président de la Commission des affaires constitutionnelles

Bruxelles, 27 mars 2012

Mme Eva Kjer Hansen
Présidente de la Commission des affaires européennes
Parlement danois, *Folketinget*
Copenhague

Mme la Présidente, chère Collègue,

Nous tenons à vous remercier pour votre lettre du 26 mars 2012 par laquelle vous demandez à la Délégation du Parlement européen auprès de la COSAC, ainsi qu'aux autres Parlements membres de la Troïka, de bien vouloir considérer la demande de participation de Mme Ine M. Eriksen Søreide, Présidente de la Commission consultative sur l'Europe du Parlement Norvégien (*Stortinget*), lors de la prochaine réunion de la COSAC qui se tiendra du 22 au 24 avril à Copenhague.

Selon l'actuel article 3.3 du Règlement de la COSAC, et en conformité avec les pratiques établies, la Présidence de la COSAC, après consultation de la Troïka présidentielle, peut convier un invité spécial s'il y a un lien étroit entre le pays qui demande et les points à l'ordre du jour.

Dans ce cas particulier, en considérant les points à l'ordre du jour concernant les questions sur la relance du marché unique, la participation du Parlement Norvégien (*Stortinget*) pourrait se révéler être une réelle valeur ajoutée. La Norvège est membre de l'Espace Economique Européen (EEE), qui applique aussi le marché intérieur, et donc elle pourrait contribuer substantiellement aux débats au sein de la COSAC.

Pour toutes ces raisons, le Parlement européen soutient pleinement votre invitation de Mme Ine M. Eriksen Søreide, Présidente de la Commission consultative sur l'Europe du Parlement Norvégien (*Stortinget*), qui pourrait peut-être être accompagnée par un autre membre du Parlement, de façon à ce que le *Stortinget* soit représenté au sein de la COSAC par une délégation de deux membres, afin d'assurer un équilibre politique.

Dans l'attente de vous voir à la réunion de la COSAC à Copenhague.

Veuillez agréer, Madame la Présidente, l'expression de nos sincères salutations.

Le Vice-président
Miguel Angel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ

Le Président de la Commission
des affaires constitutionnelles
Carlo CASINI

Copie : Otmar KARAS, Vice-président



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Nicosia, 5 April 2012

Ms Eva Kjer Hansen,
Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee,
Danish Parliament, Folketinget,
Copenhagen.

Dear Mrs Eva Kjer Hansen,

Following the letter of 20 December 2011, by Ms Ine M. Eriksen Søreide, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense and of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, I should like to convey the positive reply of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus to the Norwegian Parliament's request for participation, as a "special guest", to the forthcoming COSAC plenary meeting, that will be held in Copenhagen between 22 and 24 April 2012.

I am confident that Norway's participation to this meeting will enrich discussions and will further strengthen the already close relations and cooperation, that Norway shares with the EU and its member-states.

Looking forward to meeting you soon, please accept, Madam Chairperson and dear Colleague, the assurances of my highest esteem and friendliest sentiments.

Yours sincerely,

Averof Neofytou, M.P.,
Chairman of the House Standing Committee on
Foreign and European Affairs.



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OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON
Agnieszka Pomaska

Dear Ms. Hansen,

Referring to the letter from Ms. Ine M. Eriksen Søreide, Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence and the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, I would like to express my acceptance and support for the request of extending an invitation to the COSAC meeting for the Chair of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament as a special guest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "A. Pomaska", written in a cursive style.



**SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
THE EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Warsaw, March 27, 2012

**Ms Eva Kjer Hansen
Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
Parliament of Denmark**

Dear Eva,

I fully support the invitation for Ms. Ine M. Eriksen Soreide, Chair of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, for the next COSAC meeting to be held on 22-24 April 2012 in Copenhagen.

I'm sure that the Norwegian Parliament's involvement will make an important contribution to the inter-parliamentary cooperation.

Looking forward to seeing you at the COSAC meeting in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund Wittbrodt
Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee