COMMITTEE ON EU AFFAIRS

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THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT

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Dear Colleague,

According to Article 11 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of
Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union
(COSAC), certain costs related to the permanent member of the Secretariat and other
necessary technical costs of the COSAC Secretariat are jointly borne by parliaments
wishing to contribute.

Currently all national parliaments participate in the co-financing scheme. However,
since the commitment of many parliaments will expire at the end of this year, the
scheme will cease to function unless measures are taken.

At the COSAC Chairpersons' meeting in Stockholm on 5 - 6 July, we unanimously
agreed to the Presidency proposal, that the present co-financing scheme should be
continued until 31 December 2011. Consequently, all national parliaments should be
invited to send a letter of intent to the COSAC Presidency indicating their
willingness to continue their participation in the scheme until that date.

We also agreed that the co-financing scheme should be coordinated with the term of
office of the Permanent Member of the Secretariat. The aim should be to appoint the
Permanent Member for the next term of office at the XLII COSAC meeting in
Stockholm on 4 - 6 October.

In line with our decision in Stockholm, I would hereby like to invite you to submit
to the COSAC Presidency a letter of intent, stating your parliament's commitment to
participating in the COSAC co-financing scheme until 31 December 2011. I enclose
a template which sets out the conditions for your contribution. In accordance with
our decision, these conditions are the same as at present.

Please send the letter of intent to the Riksdag, Att.: Ms. Eva Sterndal, SE 100 12 Stockholm, SWEDEN, preferably before 30 September 2009 - allowing for the co-financing issue to be clarified prior to the decision to appoint the permanent member of the Secretariat – and in any case before the end of 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Kinberg Batra