

Parliament of the Czech Republic
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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mister President,

On 10 – 12 May 2009, the Parliament of the Czech Republic will host the XLI Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC). It is the most important parliamentary event taking place in Prague within the framework of the Czech Presidency of the EU Council. The participants are the representatives of the national parliaments of all the EU Member States and of the European Parliament.

The COSAC meetings provide an opportunity to hold discussions on such current key issues as the priorities of the Czech Presidency. In accordance with the priorities, the Parliament of the Czech Republic suggested to discuss the topic of the “Eastern Dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy” during the XLI COSAC Meeting. The Chairpersons' Meeting held in Prague on February 2009 approved this topic and a special invitation to the XLI COSAC for representatives of the national parliaments of the countries involved in the initiative of the Eastern Partnership in order to have a fruitful and mutually useful discussion.

Therefore, we would deeply appreciate if you could delegate a representative of your Parliament responsible for issues related to the cooperation with the EU to the XLI COSAC Meeting. At the same time, due to the space constraints of the venue, we kindly ask you to limit your delegation to one Member of Parliament and one official per chamber. The meeting will be simultaneously interpreted into the official languages of the EU but, if necessary, your delegation can be accompanied by your own interpreter for the consecutive interpretation.

The XLI COSAC Meeting will take place in the Žofín Palace, Slovanský ostrov 226, Prague 1. Please find enclosed the draft programme of the meeting. The registration form, the hotel reservation form and further information are available on the Parliament's website for the Czech Presidency (www.parliament.cz) and on the COSAC website (www.cosac.eu). We would appreciate if you could submit the registration forms before **10 April 2009**.

Yours sincerely,



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