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Dear Colleagues,

The Chairmen of the EU Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland met in Tallinn on 13 and 14 September 2008.

After having discussed the agenda for the forthcoming COSAC in Paris, we would like to propose to include an additional item to the agenda under COSAC Rules of Procedure Article 7.2. "EU-Russia relations".

After the start of events of August 2008 and continuing aggression by Russia of the Republic of Georgia, we would like to exchange views with our respective colleagues in EU Member States on the conflict in question as well as the overall policy of Member States and even more crucial, EU common stand towards Russia which has not been able to act according to European values.

This item is closely connected to already existing Agenda point "Priorities of the French Presidency" and taking into account that, as we all know it was the President of the French Republic who was able to strike a cease-fire agreement in this conflict, it would be most appropriate to discuss this issue during the Paris COSAC.

There is one more already existing item of COSAC XL agenda that is connected to our proposal – Energy Security, as most of our countries are to some extent depending on Russia on energy supplies.

The future of the EU and Lisbon Treaty in particular is strongly connected to our proposal as well – the Common Foreign and Security policy, i.e. EUs "**ONE VOICE**" was tested in August and this brings once again the proposal up as an acute one.

Yours sincerely,

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