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Mr. Vitalino Canas
Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
Assembleia da República
Lisboa

The Hague, 20 December 2007

Subject: Candidacy for the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat

Dear Mr. Canas,

Following consultation with the Standing Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Dutch Parliament, I am pleased to hereby forward you the candidacy of Mr. Charles ROOVERS for the post of permanent member of the COSAC secretariat for 2008 and 2009.

Charles Roovers has built up broad experience within the House of Representatives, first as assistant to an MP and later as clerk of several standing committees. He also headed the staff of a parliamentary enquiry committee.

Since August 2007, Mr. Roovers has been working in the office of the Permanent Representation of the Dutch Parliament to the EU in Brussels. In this capacity, he has become familiar with the decision making process in the European Union, and has developed an excellent working relationship with the other colleagues of the representations of national parliaments in Brussels.

This longstanding experience within our parliament, in combination with his inside knowledge of procedures within the European Union makes him, in our view, an outstanding candidate for the job of permanent member of the COSAC-secretariat.

The Dutch House of Representatives is committed to strengthening the role for national parliaments in the context of the European Union, and is proud to make this contribution to a well functioning COSAC-secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General,
House of Representatives of the States General,
The Netherlands