

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

Parliament of Denmark

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A proposal from the Danish Parliament to modernise the software of www.cosac.org

Dear Colleagues,

According to the document adopted by the XXX COSAC concerning the establishment of a secretariat of the COSAC Troika presidency and presidential troika, two of the key missions of the secretariat are to update the www.cosac.org website and keep the archives of official COSAC documents (c.f. 2.4 & 2.5 of the adopted text).

Until recently the website and the electronic document depository (which is available through the website) was run by the French Senate, while information concerning the individual meetings of COSAC have been updated by the individual national parliaments holding the Presidency.

The French Senate has of January 16, 2004 formally transferred the operational control of the website and document depository to the COSAC Secretariat. However the present system for updating the website is antiquated, requiring in depth knowledge of Internet development tools.

The Danish Parliament would therefore like to donate a user friendly software package to the COSAC Secretariat, which would allow the staff of the secretariat to fulfil its mission. The utilisation of such a software package will not hinder the future development of the COSAC website, through either the COSAC IT working group or through IPEX co-operation. Indeed the purpose of the software upgrade is to create an interim solution for the COSAC website, until a formalised IT-strategy has been developed.

In connection with article 5 of the above mentioned document adopted by the XXX COSAC, the Danish Parliament is aware of its obligation with regards to the reimbursement of any and all expenses incurred in relation to the implementation of the new software package.

Sincerely yours,

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