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Dear Colleagues,

Building on the proposals presented by the European Parliament at the Troika meeting during the previous Inter-Parliamentary Conference (IPC) for the CFSP/CSDP that took place on 3 September 2019 in Helsinki, the Croatian Presidency has focused on exploring options for further enhancing the potential of the IPC CFSP/CSDP.

In order to make the Conference more dynamic and boost its added value, the Croatian Presidency has decided to **introduce on the agenda an *ad hoc* debate on a priority issue in the area of the CFSP/CSDP ("urgency debate")**. This will allow programme to become more responsive to current developments and will give the delegations a greater say on the definition of the agenda.

For this purpose, **the Croatian Presidency invites the delegations to submit concrete proposals for the topic of this *ad hoc* debate on a priority issue under the CFSP/CSDP, no later than two days before the Conference**. Each delegation may propose only one topic. The proposal must be on behalf of the whole delegation. The proposal should be accompanied by short justifications (no more than 300 words), outlining the reasons and the scope of the debate.

The Presidential Troika and the European Parliament will discuss the proposals received in their meeting on 3 March 2020. The Troika will assess the proposal and might make a recommendation for the consideration of the Heads of Delegation. **The proposals will be put to vote in the meeting of the Heads of Delegation**, scheduled to take place immediately after the meeting of the Presidential Troika and the European Parliament.

No external speakers will be invited to the debate, allowing for a more direct exchange among parliamentarians. The debate shall be kicked off with a short statement of a representative of the delegation that proposed the topic. Speaking time will be allocated on a "first come, first served basis". The outcome of the debate will be reflected in a separate summary statement prepared by the Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

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