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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to invite you to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, due to take place as a video conference on 4 September 2020.

I would very much have liked to have welcomed you in person to the Reichstag Building, the seat of the German Parliament. However, at the German Bundestag we are in agreement that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic this would not have been a responsible course of action. While this is regrettable, I am all the more certain that it is the right decision at the current time. Nonetheless, I would like to make it possible for us to discuss the latest foreign, security and defence policy developments, which do not stop despite the pandemic and demand our urgent attention.

We have planned two blocks of meetings lasting two hours each. The first block will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views with the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mr Josep Borrell i Fontelles. The second block is dedicated to European defence policy. Attached you find further information on the programme and technical details.

I hope you are able to take part, and send you my very best regards at what is undoubtedly a challenging time in every respect.

Yours sincerely,

