

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

Parliament of Denmark

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Ref. No. EU Presidency COSAC

Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that I am able to send you this invitation to the XXVIIth COSAC meeting, which will take place in

Copenhagen from the 16th through the 18th of October 2002.

The meeting will be held in the Chamber of the Folketing in the Danish Parliament in accordance with the draft programme which was approved by the Troika on 10 July 2002.

In the conference programme on the 17th of October 2002, there is an item concerning "The future role of the national parliaments and the reform of COSAC", for which quite a long period of time has been allocated for debate for purposes of thoroughly discussing the future working procedure of COSAC.

In these contemplations, considerations should be included concerning what is already possible within the existing treaty basis, and what would require treaty changes and hence is related to The European Convention and the 2004 Intergovernmental Conference.

With this division of the tasks, the treaty-related tasks are minimised. If the political will is present in the parliaments, large parts of the renewal of the role of the national parliaments and a reform of COSAC can occur quickly, and a noticeable improvement can be carried out.

A report is also enclosed which was prepared by the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Ivar Hansen, for use at the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments in Madrid on the 7th through 9th of June 2002.

The conference programme, registration form and hotel reservation are enclosed, these documents are however also posted at the Web site: www.cosac.org. Please register **by the 5th of September 2002 at the latest.**

At the same time, I am also able to draw your attention to the fact that the Danish presidency, as announced at the end of the COSAC meeting in Madrid in June 2002, has decided to hold a conference for the applicant states and member states on the day prior to the COSAC meeting, with a focus on the expansion. Three parliamentarians from the sister committees in both the applicant states and

the member states, as well as officials, can participate in this conference. In addition, representatives from the European Parliament and the European Commission will be invited. A separate invitation to this conference is being sent simultaneously.

I look forward with pleasure to seeing you in Copenhagen.
Sincerely,

Claus Larsen-Jensen
Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

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XXVII COSAC Copenhagen 16 to 18 October 2002 Draft Programme

Wednesday 16 October 2002

Afternoon	Arrival of participants
19:00	Coach transfer from the hotels to the "Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek"
19:15	Guided tour at the "Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek" Buffet dinner hosted by Mr. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
22:00	Departure by coach for the hotels

Thursday 17 October 2002

07:45	Departure by coach for the Folketing (Danish Parliament)
08:00	Arrival at the Folketing Registration of participants
08:15	Welcoming address by Mr. Ivar Hansen, Speaker of the Folketing Opening of the working session by Mr. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
08:30	The EU Presidency and the role of the national Parliaments Speech by Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister Debate
09:30	Coffee Break
10:00	Future role of the National Parliaments and reform of COSAC Presentation Mr. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
10:20	Debate

11:40	Group photo
	Walk to the boats and departure for:
12:40	Luncheon at the “Langelinie Pavillon” Restaurant hosted by Mr. Claus Larsen-Jensen Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
14:30	Departure by coach to the Folketing
15:15	Debate to be continued
18:00	Departure by coach to the hotels
18:00	Chairpersons’ meeting Danish Parliament
19:00	Chairpersons’ departure by coach for the hotels
20:00	Departure by coach to “Børsen”
20:30	Dinner at “Børsen” hosted by Mr. Ivar Hansen, Speaker of the Danish Parliament
23:00	Departure by coach to the hotels

Friday 18 October

08:30	Check-out and departure by coach from the hotels
08:45	Arrival at the Folketing
09:00	The European Convention – Status of the Work Presentation by Ms Gisela Stuart Chairman of the Working Group on National Parliaments
	Debate
11:15	Coffee Break
11:40	Adoption of the Contribution for the XXVII COSAC
13:20	Lunch at the Folketing Restaurant (“Snapstinget”)