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Josep Borrell Fontelles
Chairman of the Joint Committee for the European Union

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Dear colleague,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to participate in the XXVI COSAC that will take place in Madrid from May 12 to 14. This meeting will be held at the Congress of Deputies, according to the draft programme adopted by the Troika last March 8.

In the Conference programme there is a subject about the "State of the analysis on the role of national Parliaments in the European construction" with the aim of informing the delegates of the national Parliaments about the situation of the debate process which will be analysed in the COSAC of Denmark.

Therefore, I kindly ask you to send us before next May 3, every draft or official report of your Parliament on this matter, that you estimate can be useful for the future debate and wish to have included in the draft contributions that will be presented in the next COSAC meeting.

Furthermore, I remind you that, pursuant to article 9.1 of the rules of the COSAC, each national delegation is required to translate drafts either into English or French. However, I consider that, in case we receive from you drafts written in other national languages that could not be translated into English or French, these can be also be useful and will be sent as well to the delegations for information.

All contributions should be sent by e-mail to sylvia.marti@sgral.congreso.es or by fax to our number 00-34-914299627.

Enclosed you will find the conference programme as well as the registration form and hotel reservation which are already available at the web site: www.cosac.org

Looking forward to seeing you in Madrid I remain

Yours sincerely,



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XXVI COSAC **MADRID, 12-14 MAY 2002**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday 12 May

- Arrival of participants
- Badge distribution at the hotels
- 17.00 h Departure from hotels. Guided tour to the Royal Palace.
- 18.45 h Return to hotels.
- 20.45 h Transfer from hotels to the Seat of the Regional Government of Madrid
- 21.00 h Dinner at the Seat of the President of the Regional Government of Madrid.

Monday 13 May

- 08.20 h Transfer from hotels Meliá Fenix and Preciados to the *Congreso de los Diputados*
- 08.40 h Arrival and registration of participants
- 09.00 h Opening of the working sessions by the Speaker of the *Congreso de los Diputados*, Ms. Luisa Fernanda Rudi Ubeda and by the Chairman of the Joint Committee for the European Union, Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles.
- 09.15 h Speech by the Prime Minister of Spain, Mr. José María Aznar López: "The Spanish Presidency of the European Union".

Debate and questions to the Prime Minister.
- 10.30 h Coffee break.
- 11.00 h Speech by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Josep Piqué: "More Europe in the world -- Foreign relations and the enlargement of the European Union".

Discussion.
- 13.00 h Visit to the premises of the *Congreso de los Diputados*.
- 13.30 h Group photo in the Plenary Room of the *Congreso de los Diputados*.
- 13.45 h Coach transfer to the *Casino de Madrid (c/. Alcalá, 15)*



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- 14.00 h. Lunch at the *Casino de Madrid*
- 16.00 h. Speech by the First Vice-President and Minister of the Interior, Mr. Mariano Rajoy:
"The fight against terrorism in the European Union".
- Discussion.
- 18.00 h. Submission of documents on the state of the analysis on the role of national
Parliaments in the European construction.
- 19.00 h. Return to hotels
- 19.00 h. Meeting of Chairpersons
- 20.00 h. Chairpersons' return to hotels.
- 21.00 h. Departure from hotels
- 21.30 h. Dinner for participants.
- 23.30 h. Return to the hotels

Tuesday 14 May

- 09.10 h. Transfer from the hotels Meliá and Preciados
- 09.30 h. Speech by the Second Vice-President and Minister of Economy, Mr. Rodrigo de
Rato: "From Lisbon to Barcelona: a prosperous, dynamic Europe at the service of
the citizen".
- Discussion.
- 11.30 h. Coffee break.
- 12.00 h. Adoption of the Contribution for the XXVI COSAC.
- 13.00 h. Closure of the XXVI COSAC.
- 13.15 h. Transfer to the *Palacio del Senado*
- 13.30 h. Guided visit to the *Palacio del Senado*.
- 14.00 h. Buffet-Lunch at the *Palacio del Senado*.
- 15.30 h. Return to hotels