

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

Parliament of Denmark



To The Committee Chairmen + The European Parliament + The Commission

16 July 2002

Ref. No. EU Presidency

Dear Colleague,

The Danish Parliament has decided to hold a special conference for the sister committees of the applicant states and the member countries focusing on the expansion, for purposes of allowing the opportunity for a more in-depth debate concerning this important topic.

For practical reasons, the conference dates have been fixed so as to take place immediately preceding the XXVIIth COSAC meeting in Copenhagen from the 16th through 18th of October 2002.

The conference will hence take place

**from Tuesday the 15th of October through Wednesday the 16th of October 2002
in the Chamber of the Landsting in the Danish Parliament**

and thus will end immediately prior to the XXVIIth COSAC meeting, which begins on the same day, Wednesday the 16th of October 2002 in the evening. A separate invitation to the XXVIIth COSAC meeting is being sent simultaneously with this invitation.

Three parliamentarians from the sister committees in both the applicant states and the member states, as well as government officials, can participate in this special conference. In addition, representatives from the European Parliament and the European Commission will be invited. The degree to which – to the extent that it is possible – there is complete or partial identity between the participants in this conference and those in COSAC XXVII is up to the individual states.

As the enclosed draft programme shows, it is assumed that delegation leaders for each individual applicant state will give a short presentation of max. approx. 5 minutes' duration. Hence you are requested to quickly and **at the latest on the 5th of September 2002** to send notification of the name of the person making the presentation to the secretariat by E-mail: irli.plambech@fi.dk.

The conference programme, registration form and hotel reservation are enclosed. Please register by **the 5th of September 2002 at the latest.**

I look forward with pleasure to seeing you in Copenhagen.

Sincerely,

Claus Larsen-Jensen

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

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Conference for the Applicant Countries
Copenhagen 15 to 16 October 2002
Draft Programme

Tuesday 15 October 2002

Afternoon	Arrival of participants
19:00	Coach transfer from hotels
19:15	Buffet dinner in "Tøjhusmuseet" hosted by the European Affairs Committee
22:00	Return to hotels

Wednesday 16 October 2002

08:30	Coach transfer from hotels
08:45	Arrival at the Folketing Registration of participants
09:00	Welcome speech and opening of the Conference by Mr. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee
	The Enlargement
09:10	Speech by Mr. Per Stig Møller, Minister for Foreign Affairs
09:35	Debate
10:05	Speech by Mr. Bertel Haarder; Minister for European Affairs
10:30	Debate
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	Intervention by the applicant countries (names will be added in the final programme)
12:25	Debate
13:45	Lunch at "Snapstinget", Folketinget

15:30 Speech by Commissioner Verheugen "The Enlargement"

16.00 Debate

17:20 Closure of the meeting by mr. Claus Larsen-Jensen,
Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

17.30 Return to hotels