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Dear Colleagues,

On 1 July 2011, Poland assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The parliamentary dimension of the Presidency will be implemented jointly by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland and the Senate of the Republic of Poland, so traditionally both Chambers will jointly host the meetings of sectoral committee chairs. These meetings provide an excellent forum for sharing views on many current issues related to the functioning of the European Union.

Therefore, we have the honour of inviting you to the Conference of Foreign Affairs Committees Chairs of Parliaments of EU Members States (COFACC), which will be held on 4-6 September 2011 in Warsaw in the Sejm and Senate buildings.

Our meeting will begin in the afternoon of Sunday, 4 September, with an address by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Lady Catherine Ashton. After the presentation of the Polish Presidency priorities and discussion on the situation in North Africa and the future of the COFACC, the programme of the meeting will also focus on a debate on the Eastern Policy and Europe's obligations in this regard. The representatives of Eastern Partnership countries are also invited to attend that part of the Conference. We are convinced that their presence will enrich our debate with a direct message inspired by our eastern partners' experience of cooperation with the European Union.

Draft programme and general information on the conference are enclosed hereto. All up-to-date details of the meeting may be found on the Polish Presidency parliamentary dimension website at www.parl2011.pl. There are also electronic registration forms through which you can book your participation in the Conference and hotel accommodation available on the website.

We are looking forward to our September meeting in Warsaw.

Yours sincerely,

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