



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



CYPRVS AETERNA

Nicosia, 17 October 2018

H.E. Mrs Pia Kjaersgaard,  
President of the Danish Parliament,  
Copenhagen.

*Your Excellency, dear Colleague,*

*Please find attached hereto a letter that I have addressed to the Presidents of the two Chambers of the Austrian Parliament, with regard to the decision of the Cyprus delegation to the CFSP/CSDP Interparliamentary Conference (IPC), to discontinue its participation in the 13<sup>th</sup> IPC on CFSP/CSDP in Vienna, on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018, as a result of the decision of the Austrian Presidency to invite a Kosovo delegation to the Conference..*

*Hoping that the matter will be taken into consideration by all Presidencies organizing future Interparliamentary Conferences, I wish to seize this opportunity to express, Your Excellency and dear Colleague, the assurances of my highest esteem.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Demetris Syllouris  
President of the House of Representatives  
of the Republic of Cyprus.*



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H.E. Mr Wolfgang Sobotka,  
President of the National Council,  
and  
H.E. Mrs Inge Posch-Gruska,  
President of the Federal Council,  
Austrian Parliament,  
Vienna.

*Your Excellencies, dear Colleagues,*

*It is with great regret that I have been informed by the Chairman of the Committee on Defence Affairs of the Cyprus House of Representatives and Head of the Cyprus delegation to the CFSP/CSDP Interparliamentary Conference (IPC), that the Cyprus delegation had no option but to discontinue its participation to the 13<sup>th</sup> IPC on CFSP/CSDP in Vienna, on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018, as a result of the decision of the Austrian Presidency to invite a Kosovo delegation to the Conference. However, Kosovo is an entity that is not recognized by the Republic of Cyprus and four other EU member states.*

*I regret to also underline that this decision was taken in violation of article 2.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the IPC on CFSP/CSDP, according to which "National Parliaments of an EU candidate country and each of the European member countries of NATO, excluding those covered by article 2.1., can be represented by a delegation of four (4) observers each".*

*Further to the decision of the Austrian Presidency to disregard our objections on the participation of the Kosovo delegation at the IPC, I would like to draw your attention to the necessity for Rules of Procedures of the Interparliamentary Conferences to be respected by the Presidencies so that all rightful parliamentary delegations of EU member states can participate unimpeded in the proceedings of these conferences.*

*Hoping for you positive actions on the matter with regard to future Interparliamentary Conferences, I wish to seize this opportunity to express, Your Excellencies and dear Colleagues, the assurances of my highest esteem.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Demetris Syllouris  
President of the House of Representatives  
of the Republic of Cyprus.

c.c.: His Excellency the President of the European Parliament  
Their Excellencies the Presidents of National Parliaments of the EU.