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Dear Speaker, dear Colleague,

On 1 January 2023, Sweden will assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. For the Swedish Parliament (the Riksdag), this means assuming the Presidency of the Parliamentary Dimension for the first time since the Lisbon Treaty entered into force. Since the previous Swedish Presidency, interparliamentary cooperation has deepened and our parliamentarians meet regularly at several permanent interparliamentary conferences.

During the first half of 2023, the Riksdag will organise the four permanent interparliamentary conferences¹, two of them co-chaired with the European Parliament. We will also organise three thematic conferences. Our ambition is that all of our conferences will provide an opportunity for our members of parliament to discuss current EU issues in line with the EU's political agenda. The topics of the three thematic conferences are:

- The European Green Deal with a focus on a circular bioeconomy
- Challenges and opportunities for the EU's future energy supply
- Democracy in Europe

We are very grateful to be able to meet in person again, but we also believe that we should embrace and continue with our new innovative ways of debating political issues. This is good for the climate and environment and makes it possible to meet more often without increased costs. For this reason, the conference on the European Green Deal will be a videoconference.

The Riksdag will do its utmost to ensure a successful implementation of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Presidency and also to promote dynamic interparliamentary cooperation. It is with great pleasure and honour that I present to you the calendar of the interparliamentary conferences for the first half of 2023. Please find the calendar enclosed with this letter.

¹ The Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU, the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol, and the Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC).

The Speaker

I think the Parliamentary Dimension is important and worth highlighting and for that reason we will try something new, that might, perhaps, become a tradition: a digital inauguration. I am therefore looking forward to inviting you to a digital inauguration of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Swedish Presidency in mid-January 2023. An invitation will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Andreas Norlén

**Interparliamentary meetings and conferences
during the Parliamentary Dimension of the Swedish Presidency
(1st semester 2023)**

DATE	MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES	LOCATION
29-30 January	Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) – Meeting of the Chairpersons	Stockholm
20 February	Interparliamentary Conference on the European Green Deal with a focus on a circular bioeconomy	Videoconference
27-28 February	The Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (IPC on SECG)	Brussels
2-3 March	The Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (IPC for CFSP/CSDP)	Stockholm
26-27 March	The 12 th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG on Europol)	Stockholm
23-24 April	Interparliamentary Conference on Challenges and Opportunities for the EU's Future Energy Supply	Stockholm
14-16 May	The LXIX Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union -- COSAC (LXIX COSAC)	Stockholm
18-19 June	Interparliamentary Conference on Democracy in Europe	Stockholm