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Resolution of the Assembleia da República No. .../2011

**Position of the Portuguese Parliament on
the interparliamentary monitoring of the Common Foreign and Security
Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy**

The Assembleia da República adopts, under Article 166, no. 5, of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic, the following position:

1. An Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy should be established to ensure effective interparliamentary monitoring of these matters, under the terms of Article 10 of the Protocol on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union (EU) annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon.
2. This Conference should consist of Members of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and European Affairs Committees of national Parliaments and of the relevant Committee of the European Parliament.
3. The delegations should be composed, by analogy with the structure of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC/COSAU), of up to six Members of each national Parliament and of the European Parliament, and up to three Members of Parliament of each candidate for accession to the EU (as observers).
4. The Conference should be chaired by the national Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating Presidency of the Council.
5. The Conference should have the power to issue opinions.
6. The Conference should meet twice a year, in the Member State holding the Presidency.
7. The Conference should follow the language rules in force in COSAC/COSAU.



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8. The secretariat should be provided by the Presidency, supported by the following existing structures: the COSAC/COSAU Secretariat and the permanent representatives of national Parliaments in Brussels.
9. The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy should be invited to attend meetings of the Conference.

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