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Dear Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your letter of 28 November 2011 informing me about the proposal of the Polish Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of the European Union regarding the format of the Interparliamentary Conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy, including the Common Security and Defence Policy.

I believe that the compromise solution on the format of the Interparliamentary Conference you proposed might be acceptable for all parties concerned, including the Hungarian National Assembly. It is my pleasure to see that we are likely to overcome our differences experienced at our meeting in Brussels in April. Please allow me to congratulate you as Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of the European Union for the successful negotiations towards reaching a compromise proposal.

Nevertheless, may I point out that several issues are still to be decided regarding the Interparliamentary Conference, including the location and secretariat of the Conference, its relations to the regular meeting of Conference of Foreign Affairs Committee Chairpersons (COFACC), methods of substitution of Members of European Parliament and possible participation of non-candidate countries as observers or in any other way. However, after the agreement on the composition, I believe that we will find a satisfactory answer to all open questions at our 2012 meeting in Warsaw in order for the Interparliamentary Conference to start its work without delay.

Excellencies, please accept my highest consideration.

László Kövér