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*The Speaker*

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Her Excellency Madam Ewa Kopacz  
Marshal of the Sejm  
Warsaw

His Excellency Mr Bogdan Borusewicz  
Marshal of the Senate  
Warsaw

*Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,*

I thank you for your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, wherein you inform me of the suggestion originated by the Polish Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments, which has been initially agreed to by the European Parliament, about the proposed representations of the national Parliaments and the European Parliament during the Interparliamentary Conference which will supervise the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy of the Union. May I congratulate the Polish Presidency on taking the initiative in this sphere, thus stressing the need for creating a useful discussion forum in preparation for the forthcoming Speakers' Conference to be held in Warsaw this April.

Certainly, the most important aspect of this whole issue is that agreement on all outstanding points is reached in Warsaw in April. Whereas, in the view of the Malta Parliament, the parity principle should not be rigidly applied in this particular case, whilst, on the other hand, delegation numbers should not be augmented to the size initially agreed to by the European Parliament, we would consider supporting a proposal about delegation compositions that would achieve the required consensus by participants at the Warsaw Conference.

In this context, we are also of the view that, whatever delegation numbers representing national parliaments and the European Parliament eventually agreed to amongst us, such delegates should be vested with full participative rights in the Interparliamentary Conference.



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Finally, rather than creating any separate secretarial structures to provide the required support services to the Interparliamentary Conference, we favour the utilization of the resources currently available to the COSAC Secretariat for this purpose.

Like our colleagues, we agree that there should not be re-opening of any of those issues on which agreement had been already reached after much serious consideration and deliberation in the past.

At the present moment we need to move forward and definitely conclude all pending issues in April in Warsaw. In this regard, therefore, I assure Your Excellencies that the Malta Parliament will continue to extend its full cooperation and collaboration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Frendo". The signature is stylized with a large "M" and "F".

Michael Frendo