

Excmo. Sr. Shalva Papuashvili  
Presidente del Parlamento de Georgia

Madrid, a 21 de julio de 2023

Querido Presidente,

Le agradecemos la amable carta de 29 de mayo de su Presidenta de la Comisión de Integración Europea, Sra. Maka Botchorishvili, y sus deseos de éxito para la Presidencia española que está teniendo lugar en este segundo semestre de 2023.

La cooperación interparlamentaria, en particular en el seno de la COSAC, es especialmente relevante, en la medida en que ofrece un marco para analizar y proponer soluciones a los grandes retos que afrontan nuestros países y la Unión Europea en la actualidad. La participación de Georgia en estas reuniones contribuirá a reforzar la cooperación entre Georgia y la Unión Europea y animará nuestra asociación, en un momento clave del proceso previo a la concesión del estatus de candidato a acceder a la Unión Europea.

Tras la convocatoria de elecciones generales anunciadas en España para el próximo 23 de julio, el calendario de la dimensión parlamentaria de la Presidencia española ha sido modificado.

Por ello, y tras haber consultado con la Troika presidencial, tal y como prevé el artículo 4.3 del Reglamento de la COSAC, tenemos el placer de invitar a los representantes del Parlamento de Georgia a asistir a las reuniones de la COSAC que tendrán lugar en Madrid, tanto a la reunión de Presidentes de la COSAC que tendrá lugar los días 17 y 18 de septiembre de 2023, como a la LXX COSAC que tendrá lugar del 26 al 28 de noviembre.

Más adelante, se cursarán a su vez las invitaciones al Parlamento de Georgia para el resto de reuniones previstas en el calendario de la dimensión parlamentaria de la Presidencia española.


Como anfitriones de estos encuentros, será un placer para nosotros recibirles en España y poder así seguir trabajando juntos.

Estamos deseando darles la bienvenida a Madrid.

Atentamente,



Meritxell Batet Lamaña  
Presidenta del Congreso de los Diputados



Ander Gil García  
Presidente del Senado



*COURTESY TRANSLATION*

Dear Speaker,

We would like to thank you for the kind letter of May 29 by your Chairperson of the Committee for European Integration, Ms. Maka Botchorishvili, and for your wishes of success for the Spanish Presidency during this second half of 2023.

Inter-parliamentary cooperation, particularly within the COSAC, is especially relevant since it provides a framework to analyze and suggest solutions to the major challenges faced currently by our countries and the European Union. Georgia's participation in these meetings shall contribute to enhancing cooperation between Georgia and the European Union and boost our partnership in a key moment of the process leading to the granting of the candidate status to the European Union.

After the announcement of general elections in Spain for next July 23, the calendar of the parliamentary dimension of the Spanish Presidency has been modified.

Thus, and after having consulted with the Presidential troika, as laid down in article 4 (3) of the COSAC Regulations, it is a pleasure for us to invite the representatives of the Parliament of Georgia to attend the COSAC meetings to be held in Madrid, both the meeting of COSAC Chairpersons scheduled for September 17 and 18, and the LXX COSAC to be held from November 26 to 28.

We shall extend in due time the invitations to the Parliament of Georgia to the rest of meetings scheduled in the calendar of the parliamentary dimension of the Spanish Presidency.

As hosts of these meetings, it will be a pleasure for us to receive you in Spain and continue working together.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Madrid,

Cordially yours,

Meritxell Batet Lamaña  
Speaker of the Congress of Deputies

Ander Gil García  
Speaker of the Senate



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**For the attention of Presidential Troika of COSAC**

Ms. Susana Sumelzo Jordán  
Chair of Joint Committee for EU Affairs  
Congress of Deputies  
Spanish Parliament

CC: Ms Ana María Botella Gómez  
Head of the Delegation  
Spanish Delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy  
and the Common Security and Defence Policy

Dear Ms. Sumelzo Jordán,

Allow me to start by expressing my sincere gratitude for Spain's support of Georgia's EU aspirations and wishing you a successful upcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union, which is beginning at a very challenging time for the EU.

Georgia applied for EU membership last year officially stating that we see our future within the European family.

The historic decision by the European Council on 23 June 2022 recognizing Georgia's European perspective helped us to move closer to our constitutional goal of joining the EU. Since 2014, we have been successfully implementing the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, which creates stronger bonds with the EU. We are committed to taking every step to fulfill the 12 recommendations put forward by the European Commission for Georgia to grant EU candidate status along with Ukraine and Moldova.

With that in mind, we are strongly committed to utilizing all platforms to further develop Georgia-EU cooperation and add new impetus to our partnership.

From 2014, Georgia has been represented at COSAC meetings as an observer upon the invitation of the respective EU Presidencies. Therefore, in accordance with the Rule 3.3 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure, I would like to formally request the Presidential Troika to extend an invitation to Georgia to the Chairpersons and the Plenary Meeting of the COSAC planned in Madrid.

Furthermore, I would be most grateful if you could extend an invitation to Georgia for other inter-parliamentary platforms organized by Spanish Presidency especially the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (IPC for CFSP/CSDP) and the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU (IPC on SECG).

I greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to our close cooperation.

Sincerely,

Chairperson of the Committee  
Maka Botchorishvili

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Maka Botchorishvili', written in a cursive style.