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Til
udvalgets medlemmer og stedfortrædere.

Efter anmodning fra udvalgets formand Claus Larsen-Jensen
omdeles hermed et forslag fra Bundesrat om ændring til
forretningsorden for COSAC.

Med venlig hilsen

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An den
Vorsitzenden des Europaausschusses
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Dear Sir,

On the occasion of the next ordinary meeting of the COSAC on May 5/6 2003 in Athens the delegation of the Bundesrat has the intention to submit the amendment to COSAC's Rules of Procedure added to this letter and asks for your support.

Sincerely yours,

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Proposal of the delegation of the German Bundesrat

Article 4.1 sentence 1 of the COSAC Rules of Procedures should be changed as follows:

"4.1 Ordinary and extraordinary meetings

~~Each national parliament~~ *The parliaments of the member states* shall be represented by a maximum of 6 members of ~~its~~ *their* Community and European Affairs Committee(s)."

Explanation

By replacing the words "Each national parliament" by "The parliaments of the member states" it is left to the discretion of each delegation represented in the COSAC whether to let a representative of a regional parliament / assembly with legislative competences have one of its places or not. Opening the COSAC for these bodies is justified in view of the fact that they are affected in their interests by decisions taken on the European level. Therefore they should be offered the opportunity to bring forward their opinions not only in the Committee of the Regions but also in the COSAC. With the proposed amendment of COSAC's Rules of Procedure it would lie within the realm of domestic law alone to admit representatives of regional parliaments / assemblies. It would not have an impact on any other member state, especially not for those COSAC members who do not wish to open the COSAC for regional representatives.

