

COMMITTEE ON EU AFFAIRS  
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RIKSDAG   
THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT

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Dear Colleague,

According to Article 11 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), certain costs related to the permanent member of the Secretariat and other necessary technical costs of the COSAC Secretariat are jointly borne by parliaments wishing to contribute.

Currently all national parliaments participate in the co-financing scheme. However, since the commitment of many parliaments will expire at the end of this year, the scheme will cease to function unless measures are taken.

At the COSAC Chairpersons' meeting in Stockholm on 5 - 6 July, we unanimously agreed to the Presidency proposal, that the present co-financing scheme should be continued until 31 December 2011. Consequently, all national parliaments should be invited to send a letter of intent to the COSAC Presidency indicating their willingness to continue their participation in the scheme until that date.

We also agreed that the co-financing scheme should be coordinated with the term of office of the Permanent Member of the Secretariat. The aim should be to appoint the Permanent Member for the next term of office at the XLII COSAC meeting in Stockholm on 4 - 6 October.

In line with our decision in Stockholm, I would hereby like to invite you to submit to the COSAC Presidency a letter of intent, stating your parliament's commitment to participating in the COSAC co-financing scheme until 31 December 2011. I enclose a template which sets out the conditions for your contribution. In accordance with our decision, these conditions are the same as at present.

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*Please send the letter of intent to the Riksdag, Att.: Ms. Eva Stermdal, SE 100 12 Stockholm, SWEDEN, preferably before 30 September 2009 - allowing for the co-financing issue to be clarified prior to the decision to appoint the permanent member of the Secretariat – and in any case before the end of 2009.*

Yours sincerely,



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