



BELGIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Brussels, 22/12/2010.

Dear President,

Dear Colleague,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments which will be held in Brussels, on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 April 2011, at the House of Representatives.

This Conference will, in the first place, deal with the implementation of the Conclusions of the Stockholm EU Speakers' Conference (14 -15/5/2010), particularly the definition of a mechanism for parliamentary oversight of the EU common foreign and security policy, including the common security and defense policy. Our aim is to reach an agreement on this matter. The Belgian presidency is currently preparing a draft proposal regarding this mechanism which will be transmitted to you at the end of January. We would like you to send us your remarks on this text before 21 February 2011.

Another topic concerns the procedures for the scrutiny of Europol's activities by the European parliament and the national parliaments. Considering that the European Commission has recently published its Communication COM(2010) 776, we could exchange our ideas towards the formulation of specific proposals on this matter.

We would also like to put on the agenda the relationship between Media, Parliaments and Public Opinion in the light of the latest technological developments with regard to websites.

Moreover, we would like to propose two other topics which (further to the meetings within the framework of the Belgian EU presidency and the dynamics of EU policies) we believe to be worth discussing.

First of all, the parliamentary control of intelligence services. In this context, we will present an internet-based database project for the exchange of information among the parliamentary committees concerned.

Finally, at the request of the President of the French National Assembly, Mr. Bernard Accoyer, we could examine a proposal for an annual interparliamentary meeting of the chairpersons of the budget committees in the national parliaments and the chairs of the corresponding committees of the European parliament, in order to debate the coordination of the budgetary policies of Member States in the context of the European semester.

You will find enclosed a draft agenda as well as some general information.

The final programme will be forwarded to you subsequent to the preparatory meeting of the Secretaries General to be held in Brussels on 17 January 2011.

We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels in April next year.

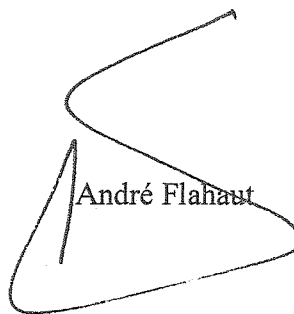
Yours sincerely,

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President of the Senate

André Flahaut



President of the House of
representatives