

Budapest, 2 May 2011

**Dear Colleague,**

Attached I am sending you the proposal of the Hungarian Presidency for the amended Rules of Procedure of the COSAC (Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union – according to the wording of the Treaty of Lisbon).

As agreed during the COSAC Chairpersons meeting of 11 February 2011 in Budapest, this very proposal contains only technical changes, i.e. adaptation of the Rules of Procedure to the language of the Lisbon Treaty; structural consistency changes. We aimed to maintain all previous points in this proposal, even though, according to the 13<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Report, some chambers might wish to introduce further – substantial – changes as well.

According to our intention, the new Rules of Procedure could be adopted during the XLV COSAC in Budapest enabling us to continue our work in line with the stipulations of the Treaty of Lisbon. Should there be further, political changes necessary, their discussion could be initiated during the Budapest meeting. The debate could be continued during the upcoming Presidency, leading therefore to an eventual substantial amendment of the Rules of Procedure in the near future.

However, in order to facilitate the easier reading and the further analysis of the Rules of Procedure, I hereby kindly request your opinion whether our proposal would be acceptable to you to be adopted in May in Budapest. Should you have any additional technical comments, please be so kind to indicate it together with your principal reply not later than 15 May 2011 to the COSAC Secretariat.

In case your Chamber/Parliament would have any further proposal for substantial amendment, please be so kind to indicate it separately.

In the hope of the constructive cooperation between our Parliaments, may I thank you for your kind contributions to this work in advance and remain

Yours sincerely,



**Richárd Hörcsik**