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Dear Mr Chairman,

As new Chairman of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs, I have received your letter (dated 30 June 2010), which you addressed to my predecessor, Mr Herman De Croo.

The proposals that you are formulating with regard to the functioning of the COSAC and the procedures of formulation of the "Contributions" and "Conclusions" are certainly worth to reflect about.

They imply of course the modification of the Rules of Procedure of the COSAC. We need to treat these proposals in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the COSAC (particularly with articles 10 and 14), (Official Journal of the EU/C27/02).

Article 14.1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that "*Proposals for a revision of the Rules of Procedure must be sent, in writing ... to all national parliaments of the Members States and to the European Parliament at least a month before the meeting of the COSAC*".

May I suggest handling the matter in this way?

Hoping to meet you at our COSAC in Brussels (25 and 26 October 2010), I remain in the meantime,

Yours sincerely,

  
André Flahaut  
President of the Belgian House of Representatives  
Chairman of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs