

**REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
FOR PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION
IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE, SOFIA**

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Sofia, 19 January 2009

Dear Mr. Cañete,

The Fifth Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of the States Participating in the Stabilization and Association Process in South East Europe (COSAP), held in Belgrade on 23 - 24 November 2009, tasked the Regional Secretariat for Parliamentary Cooperation in South East Europe (RSPC SEE) to intervene with the parliaments of the EU member states to involve EU integration parliamentary committees of the countries of South East Europe in the work of COSAC as observers or associate members. The Conference in Belgrade has made an evaluation that this would directly improve the quality of work of the EU integration parliamentary committees of the countries of South East Europe (the Joint Statement adopted at the Conference is enclosed).

In this connection, I would like to kindly ask you to have the issue discussed at the upcoming COSAC Chairpersons' meeting in Madrid on 4 - 5 February 2010.

I discussed this matter already with the European Parliament, Directorate-General for the Presidency, Directorate for the Relations with National Parliaments, Unit Multilateral Relations Unit and on behalf of the Head of the Unit, Mr. Krzysztof Bernacki, I have been advised to write to you and ask you that the issue be included in the agenda of the upcoming COSAC Chairpersons' meeting. The staffer who is dealing directly with the issue is Mr. Paolo Meucci, Administrator.

The Regional Secretariat for Parliamentary Cooperation in South East Europe fully agrees with the evaluation that involving the EU integration parliamentary committees of the countries of South East Europe in the work of COSAC as observers or associate members would directly improve the quality of their activities.

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Yours sincerely,



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