

Stockholm 16 July 2009

Our ref. Rd 226-2164-08/09

Re. Appointment of the Permanent Member
of the COSAC Secretariat

Dear Colleagues,

At our meeting in Stockholm on 5 - 6 July we agreed to aim for a decision at the XLII COSAC in Stockholm on 4 - 6 October regarding the appointment of the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat for the next term of office. The issue is included as an item for the Chairpersons in the draft agenda of the XLII COSAC meeting which we approved.

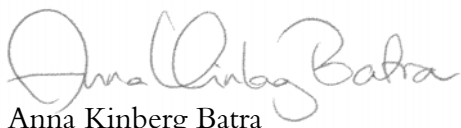
According to the Rules of Procedures of COSAC (Article 11 *bis.*) the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat is appointed by the COSAC Chairpersons on the proposal of the Presidential Troika. I intend to take this matter up at the Troika meeting, and allow for the Troika members to meet the nominee(s) before agreeing on a proposal.

Article 11 *bis.* of the Rules of Procedure also states that the Permanent Member can serve two terms of office. The re-appointment of the present holder of the post, Ms Loreta RAULINAITYTE, as was put forward during our debate on 6 July, is therefore possible, should she be nominated by the Lithuanian Seimas.

With a view to the decision to be taken in Stockholm on 5 October, I would hereby like to give you the opportunity to submit nominations for the post.

The Presidency would like to receive nominations by 20 September 2009 at the latest, addressed to The Riksdag, Att.: Ms. Eva Sterndal, SE 100 12 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Yours sincerely,



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