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| To: 1. <u>Mr. Ludek SEFZIG</u> <i>Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, Senate Valdstejnske Nam. 4 CZ-11801 Praha</i> 2. <u>Mr. Petr KRILL</u> <i>Vice-Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, Chamber of Deputies Snemovni 4 CZ-118 26 Praha</i> | | |
| | | c/c: <u>COSAC Secretariat</u> |

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to inform you that we fully agree with the proposal of the President of the European Affairs' Committee of Folketinget, Mr Svend AUKEN, raising the question of "combating and preventing trafficking in human beings" on the agenda of the forthcoming COSAC.

We come back, by sending this letter, to propose that the topic of climate change could also be included in the agenda of the XLI COSAC in Prague on 10-12 May 2009.

We live in a period mired in a concurrent financial/economic and ecological crisis. Climate change is not only one of humankind's greatest threats of the 21st century. It is also the political terrain of outmost urgency and primordial importance. As we march on the Road to Copenhagen for the post-2012 climate change international regime, I believe that our Conference is an appropriate institution to exchange views, delve into the debate and explore the possibility of concluding with a joint Declaration on the topic, which could be forwarded to the European Union institutions as well as to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in Geneva. I suggest that we should host some good key speakers and then continue with the debate, even if this involves another half day of procedures.

I deem it to be an essentially democratic issue as well as an issue of fundamental political credibility that our Conference, even through omission, is not mistaken as a passive observer of events affecting our lives and the lives of the generations to come.

Looking forward to meeting you in Prague, next month,

Yours Sincerely

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