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Dear Mr. Canas,
Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your kind invitation to the meeting of COSAC Chairpersons taking place in Lisbon on 10 July 2007 and let me also express my congratulations and best wishes for the upcoming Portuguese EU Presidency.

Simultaneously, let me attract your attention to one of the COSAC agenda issues which was discussed during the XXXVII COSAC meeting in Berlin – the coordinated subsidiarity check.

I am very pleased that according to the COSAC Contribution and Conclusions adopted in Berlin coordinated subsidiarity checks should continue. As most parliaments participating in the two checks facilitated by COSAC in recent past (postal services and divorces agenda) have appreciated the added value of the coordination of the subsidiarity check under the auspices of COSAC, I am convinced that coordination of scrutiny of legislative proposals can continue without any delay.

As it was indicated by the common initiative of the authorised committees of Czech Senate and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the States-General of the Netherlands during the COSAC meeting in Berlin, the following proposals as indicated in the Commission's Legislative and Work Programme for 2007 can be considered appropriate for the subsidiarity check conducted by COSAC this year:

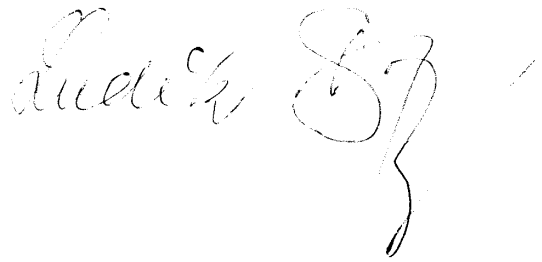
- 1) Measures to ensure the completion of the internal market for electricity and gas;
- 2) Proposal for a revision of the Council Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism;
- 3) Community Framework for safe and efficient health services;

- 4) Proposal for a Regulation on the Transfer of Defence Products;
- 5) Proposal for a Directive on the coordination of procedures for award of public contracts in the defence sector.

Let me propose to the Presidency to open discussion about legislative proposals which could be subjected to a coordinated subsidiarity and proportionality check under your COSAC Presidency. The five Commission initiatives, as mentioned above, could be put to the meeting of COSAC Chairpersons as a proposal.

Thank you very much for your efforts in advance.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lisbon,



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