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Paris, July 17th 2000,

Dear colleagues,

We have great pleasure in inviting you to the XXIIIrd COSAC which, as announced in Lisbon, is to be held in Versailles on October 16th and 17th 2000 in the *Salle du Congrès* where members of Parliament gather to amend the French Constitution.

Following the Troika meeting in Paris in July 13th, please find enclosed the COSAC draft program together with the registration form and an explanatory note from the Secretary. Please note that you are cordially invited to make a guided tour of the Château de Versailles on Sunday 15 October, at 4.30 pm and that a welcome reception is planned on that evening. The finalized program of events will be sent out once we have confirmation of the availability of the members of the French Government who have been asked to participate.

To increase efficiency of COSAC proceedings, the Troika thought it necessary to clarify the requirements for tabling and reviewing of possible draft contributions. Please find enclosed an explanatory note on formal requirements and schedule adherence, which would enable a real upstream research work on possible draft contributions as well as allow for a thorough review of contributions in the limited time allotted.

We will send in the very near future a questionnaire to Member States and applicant States on parliamentary scrutiny in EU affairs.

Yours faithfully,

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