



CORTES GENERALES

Madrid, July 25, 2023

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Cortes Generales, we are honoured to invite you to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) of the European Union, that will take place in Madrid, on the 1st and 2nd October, 2023. This Conference will be organized by the Congress of Deputies, in the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the Spanish Presidency.

The Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the CFSP/CSDP offers a framework for the exchange of information and best practices in the area of CFSP and CSDP, and enables national Parliaments and the European Parliament to be fully informed when carrying out their respective roles in this policy area. This edition will address the current challenges to the EU foreign and security policy, in an increasingly uncertain strategic environment, and it will focus more specifically on the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and the developments in the Defence policy, one of the fastest developing policies over the last 10 years.

We firmly believe that your participation will contribute to reinforce the interparliamentary cooperation in the field of the CFSP and CSDP and it will deepen the involvement of national Parliaments in the scrutiny of the external action of the European Union.

Please find attached a draft agenda of the Conference, together with the practical information.

Cordially yours,

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Meritxell Batet Lamaña
Speaker of the Congress of Deputies

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Ander Gil García
Speaker of the Senate