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**Invitation from the Speaker of the Danish Parliament to the Conference of Foreign Affairs Committees Chairs of Parliaments of EU Members States (COFACC)**

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Dear Colleagues,

On 1 January 2012, Denmark assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Danish Parliament will hold a series of Inter-parliamentary Conferences as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Presidency. These meetings provide an excellent forum for sharing views on many current issues related to the functioning of the European Union.

I would like to take this opportunity to send an invitation to the Conference of Foreign Affairs Committees Chairs of Parliaments of EU Members States (COFACC), which will be held in the Plenary of the Danish Parliament on 11 – 12 March 2012.

Information concerning this meeting and all the meetings held as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Danish Presidency is available on the following website: [www.presidency.dk](http://www.presidency.dk).

Yours sincerely

Mogens Lykketoft  
 Speaker of the Danish Parliament

*Por determinação de Sua Excelência a*  
*Presidente da A.R., A 2ª Comissão*  
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**Invitation to Conference of Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs (COFACC)**

31 January 2012

Dear Chairman,

As the newly elected Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Foreign Policy Committee, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the Conference of Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs (COFACC), which will be held in Copenhagen during the Danish EU-Presidency.

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The meeting will take place on Sunday 11 to Monday 12 March 2012 at the Christiansborg Palace.

I kindly ask you to register your participation in the meeting by filling out the registration form at the following website:

<http://folk.eventbird.com/static/register2.html> before 20 February 2012. I also ask you to return the included hotel registration form directly to Copenhagen Strand Hotel, [copenhagenstrand@arp-hansen.dk](mailto:copenhagenstrand@arp-hansen.dk) before 24 February 2012.

I enclose the draft agenda as well as practical information concerning the event.

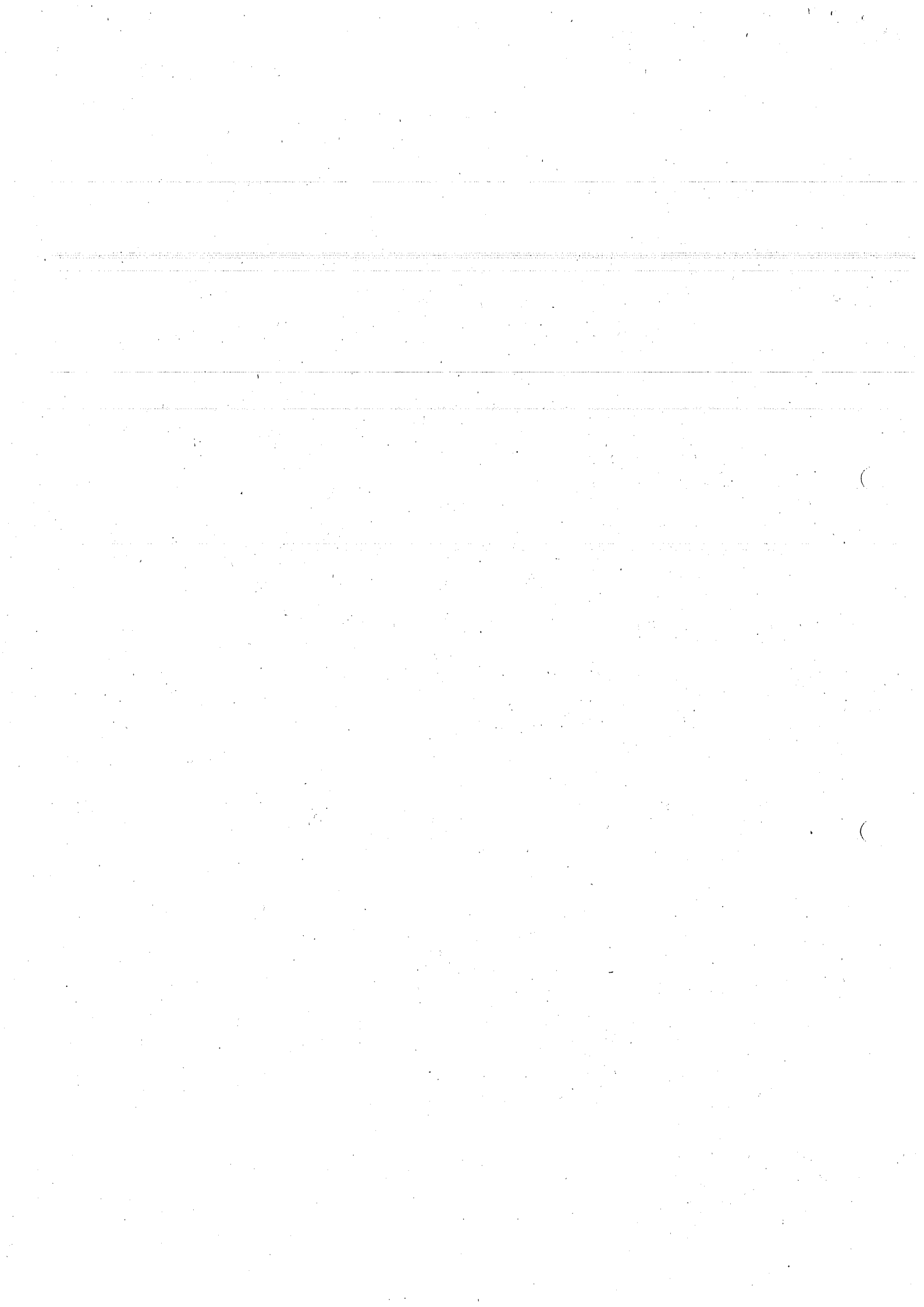
Additional information concerning this meeting and all the meetings held as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Danish Presidency is available on the following website: [www.presidency.dk](http://www.presidency.dk). Questions regarding the meeting can be sent to [eu2012@ft.dk](mailto:eu2012@ft.dk).

I look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Jeppe Kofod'.

Jeppe Kofod  
Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Policy





**CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
(COFACC)**

**COPENHAGEN, 11 – 12 MARCH 2012**

## Draft Program

### Sunday, 11 March

- Afternoon      Arrival and registration at the hotel
- 16.30            Transfer from hotels to the Parliament of Denmark
- 17.00            Welcome address by Mr. Jeppe Kofod,  
Chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee  
of the Danish Parliament  
*Venue: the Plenary of the Danish Parliament*
- 17.10            **Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU**  
address by Lady Catherine Ashton,  
High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security  
Policy  
*Venue: the Parliament of Denmark*
- 19.00            Official dinner hosted by Mr. Jeppe Kofod,  
Chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee  
of the Danish Parliament  
*Venue: Tøjhusmuseet*
- Return to the hotels

### Monday, 12 March

- 08.30            Transfer from the hotels to the Parliament of Denmark
- Opening of the Conference**
- 09.00            Welcome address by Mr. Jeppe Kofod,  
Chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee  
*Venue: the Plenary of the Parliament of Denmark*
- Session I**
- 09.10            **NATO and the EU**  
Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Secretary General of NATO  
*Venue: the Plenary of the Parliament of Denmark*
- Debate
- 11.00            Family photo of the Conference participants  
*Venue: the big staircase inside the Parliament of Denmark (chairpersons only)*

11:10 Coffee break

**Session II**

11.40 **Current foreign policy during the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU**

Mr. Villy Søvndal, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
*Venue: the Plenary of the Danish Parliament*

Debate

13.15 Buffet lunch  
*Venue: the Restaurant of the Parliament of Denmark  
(invitations only)*

14.45 Guided tour of the Parliament of Denmark  
*Meeting point: In front of the restaurant*

15.30 Transfer from the Parliament of Denmark to hotels  
*Main entrance*

Transfer from the hotels to the airport  
Departures of the delegations  
*Please note that no organized transport is provided*

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**ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Website

[www.presidency.dk](http://www.presidency.dk)

### Smartphone app

May be downloaded from [www.presidency.dk](http://www.presidency.dk) – available a few days before the meeting.

### Registration and information

Participants will receive their identity badges, documentation and other conference material when they register on arrival at the Strand Hotel on 11 March 2012. Delegates arriving late will register in the lobby of the Danish Parliament prior to the meeting.

### Badges

Available during check-in (see above). For security reasons all participants are requested to wear their badges throughout the entire conference. For lost badges please contact Susanne Henriksen +45 6162 3134.

### Interpretation

The organizers have provided simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Danish.

### Documents

1<sup>st</sup> floor – in front of the Plenary

### Seating and speech requests

Delegates will have assigned seating in the Plenary Hall. Delegates are requested to sit in their assigned seat. Delegation flags and names cards will be clearly visible in the Plenary. Information on how to request the floor and use the microphones will be available in the Plenary.

### Secretariat

Tingstedet

### Copy Center

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Members Mail Room (next to the Plenary – map)

<b>FAX</b> (see map)	Send and receive : +45 3337 3242 The Fax is in the Service Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
<b>Restaurant</b>	Snapstinget, ground floor Monday 08.00 – 20.00
<b>Post Office</b>	Service Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Everyday 10.00 – 16.00
<b>ATM</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
<b>Kiosk</b>	Ground floor Monday 07.00 – 16.00
<b>Police/ambulance/fire</b>	Contact Security +45 3337 5602 +45 3337 5603
<b>Telephone</b>	Dial 0 in order to call out of the house
<b>Smoking</b>	Smoking is prohibited on the premises of the parliament. Please use specially marked smoking booths (see map) or go outside.
<b>Refreshments</b>	Will be served during coffee breaks and throughout the day in front of the plenary.
<b>IT Centre</b>	The Great Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
<b>Toilets</b>	See map
<b>Lunch</b>	Served in the Members Restaurant, ground floor room S - 133
<b>Transportation</b>	Participants are asked to arrange transport to and from the airport on their own.  <u>Taxi:</u> Taxis are available at the airport and the return transfer can be booked via the hotel. The cost of transfer from the airport to the city centre is approx. 200-300 Danish D.Kr.  <u>Trains from the airport:</u> The ticket office is located in Terminal 3 above the railway

station. There are lifts and stairs between the platforms and Terminal 3. The train operates between the airport and Copenhagen Central Station. The travel time is approx. 30 minutes.

Metro from the airport: The Metro station is located at the end of Terminal 3 and is covered by the roof of the terminal. The Metro operates at 4-6 minutes' intervals during the day and evening hours and at 15-20 minutes' intervals during the night. The travel time from the airport to the centre of Copenhagen (Kongens Nytorv Station) is 15 minutes.

**Currency**

The currency in Denmark is Danish kroner.  
1 euro = approx. 7,5 D.Kr.

**Meeting Room 1**

1 - 009 (room for 16) Please call Susanne Henriksen +45 6162 3134.

**Meeting Room 2**

M1 - 02 (room for 10) This room can be booked. Please call Susanne Henriksen +45 6162 3134.

**Wifi**

Free internet access is available throughout the Palace. Use the "Guest network" and confirm the connection in your web browser.

**Print**

Please contact the Secretariat.

**Press**

Questions regarding the press and other media may be addressed to the Secretariat.

**TV**

The entire Conference will be broadcast live on Danish national television (in Danish and original language) and will also be available live on streaming immediately after the conference. It will also be available "on-demand".

# MAP of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor

