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Dear colleagues,

We are honoured to invite you on behalf of three committees of both chambers of the Czech Parliament to the Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy. The Conference will be held as part of the parliamentary dimension of the Czech Republic's Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 4 – 5 September 2022 in Prague.

We are pleased to take over the organisation of the Conference after the French Presidency and invite you to participate in person. After years of isolation and the necessity to organise conferences remotely, we can again discuss the current topics of foreign, security and defence policy in more depth.

It is no surprise that the main theme that will weave through all discussion sessions to a various extent will be the Russian aggression in Ukraine. We will discuss the forms of political support for Ukraine and its reconstruction, and then the impact of the Russian aggression on the EU enlargement policy. We will have a chance to exchange opinions on the current issues, with particular attention to the EU's Strategic Compass, with Josep Borrell Fontelles, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. We will also talk about the dangers of disinformation and hybrid threats and the importance of cyber defence.

We believe that your participation will ensure a full-fledged exchange of opinions on the current pressing topics and will deepen the involvement of national parliaments in the scrutiny of external action of the European Union.

Please find attached a draft agenda of the Conference and general organisational information including the possibility of registration.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Prague.

Yours sincerely,

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