



Paris, 17 January 2022

Dear Chairpersons,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Colleagues,

On 24 and 25 February 2022, in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, we will be honoured to welcome you to the Palais du Luxembourg – the home of the Senate of the French Republic – for the meeting of the Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), which will be held as an actual physical meeting for the first time since the Zagreb conference of 3 and 4 March 2020.

This conference will provide an opportunity to discuss the Union's external policy priorities at a time when we are required, by a deteriorating strategic context, to build our capacity to achieve the defence and foreign policy objectives we have collectively set. While the exercise of defining a common "Strategic Compass" should lead to the adoption of a final document next spring, it is essential for members of parliament from each Member State to have an opportunity to debate these issues and express their points of view on decisions that will commit our countries for years to come.

We look forward to welcoming you to Paris for discussions that will enable all delegations to enrich the activities undertaken under the French Presidency.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman of the Senate  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and  
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