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Dear colleagues,

It is an honour to us to invite you to the Meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments which will take place on February 6, 2023, as a videoconference.

Although it seems that we have successfully overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and we were looking forward to personally welcoming you in Prague, the current international situation caused by the war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine put new obstacles in front of us, such as energy crisis, rising prices of fuels and other commodities and austerity measures we are forced to implement. As we already informed you in December 2022, we decided to arrange the meeting in an online format for the reasons stated above. Nevertheless, we are confident that the event will be an excellent opportunity for the exchange of views on current topics pertaining to the work of our parliaments.

The first session of the meeting will traditionally focus on the programme of the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments, which will be held in Prague on April 24-25, 2023. The EUSC block will be followed by two thematic sessions. The first part will be dedicated to information exchange between the Parliaments and will focus on IPEX related issues and the role of parliaments in promoting parliamentary democracy in the world and the presentation of INTER PARES project. The second part will be dedicated to the energy crisis and its impact on the activities of Parliaments. This topic will be an excellent opportunity to discuss energy saving measures implemented by Parliaments and exchange of experience and best practices. The meeting will be concluded by a short presentation of the Parliamentary dimension of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Please find attached the draft programme of the meeting, as well as the practical information and other relevant details. You will receive all other relevant documents and information in due course.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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