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The Honourable Ms. Loreta Graužiniene  
Speaker of the Seimas

Dear Speaker, dear Colleague

Let me once again congratulate you on your recent election as Speaker of the Lithuanian Seimas. On my part, I have followed the preparations for the first meeting of the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance arranged by the Seimas with great interest. I am also aware of the various contacts between our two parliaments in this regard.

I have taken note of the letter from our colleague President Schulz regarding the draft proposal for Rules of Procedure for the conference. It is my view that the draft proposal is generally in line with what was agreed upon at the Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments in Nicosia. Therefore, I welcome the initiative to present a draft Rules of Procedures already at the first conference in Vilnius on 16-17 October.

The draft agenda for the conference is in my view well balanced and it allows for discussions on both substance and procedure. It is important to facilitate constructive and pragmatic discussions on the different opinions on the draft proposal for Rules of Procedure. Thus, it is my belief that the representatives of the relevant committees should have a first discussion on the proposal and it should remain on the agenda.

I wish you all the success with this conference and in your Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

  
Per Westerberg