

Chairman of Seanad Eireann, Senator Paddy BURKE

The Hague, 24 November 2015

Your Excellency,

It is with great pleasure we can announce the calendar of the six interparliamentary conferences and meetings which will be organised by the Senate and House of Representatives of the States-General of the Netherlands in the first half of 2016.

Five interparliamentary meetings will be organised at the premises of our parliament in the Hall of Knights in The Hague. The Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the European Union, co-organised with the European Parliament, will take place in Brussels.

The invitations to and programmes of the various meetings will be sent in due time.

As a leading principle for our parliamentary presidency we have chosen the motto: *'working together to increase parliamentary engagement in the EU decision-making process'*. In order to promote a lively debate, fruitful exchange of ideas and sharing of best practices during the conferences, we will stimulate interactivity amongst the participating members of parliament as much as possible. In this way we hope to contribute to closer cooperation between our parliaments in EU decision-making.

Respectfully Yours,



Ankie Broekers-Knol  
President of the Senate



Anouchka van Miltenburg  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Calendar of Interparliamentary events to be held within the parliamentary dimension of the Netherlands' Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**1 January- 30 June 2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
7-8 February	Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC	Hall of Knights, Parliament of the Netherlands
17 February	Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (SECG)	European Parliament, Brussels
13-14 March	Chairpersons meeting on Human Trafficking in the Digital Age	Hall of Knights, Parliament of the Netherlands
3-4 April	Chairpersons meeting on Energy, Innovation and Circular Economy	Hall of Knights, Parliament of the Netherlands
6-8 April	Interparliamentary Conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	Hall of Knights, Parliament of the Netherlands
12-14 June	Plenary Meeting of the LV COSAC	Hall of Knights, Parliament of the Netherlands