

Committee on Constitutional Affairs
The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to an Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) that the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) will hold on Wednesday 26 October 2022.

The main aim of this Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting is to exchange views with national Parliaments on the 'Conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of national Parliaments in the European Union'.

The Conference on the Future of Europe ended on 9 May with the presentation of the final report containing 49 proposals and 325 concrete measures aiming to reshape the Union according to the citizens' expectations. In line with the commitments to follow up on the Conference recommendations in full respect of their competences and the subsidiarity and proportionality principles enshrined in the Treaties, the EU institutions have started preparations to the implementation process of the Conference conclusions. The European Parliament on its part adopted with overwhelming majority the resolution on 9 June 2022 calling for a Convention on the revision of the Treaties as a follow up of the Conference.

Building on the success of the previous Conference related Inter-parliamentary Committee Meetings, we would like to use the opportunity of the ICM on 26 October 2022 to discuss with the national Parliaments the implementation of the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe, including by means of Treaty changes, and the role of the national Parliaments in this process. Also invited to this Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting are: Mr Guy Verhofstadt - Member of the European Parliament, Mr Mikuláš Bek - Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic representing the Council Presidency and Ms Dubravka Šuica - European Commission Vice-President in charge of Democracy and Demography.

I would thus, like to cordially invite you, together with a small delegation from your committee to the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of AFCO, to be held on 26 October 2022. In this context, I would be very pleased to welcome up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bicameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting. Please be informed that the meeting will be held in person only. Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our Members and other participants.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation, and I am looking forward to your participation in this event on 26 October 2022 and to a constructive and fruitful debate.

In attachment, you will find a copy of the draft programme of the meeting. A final copy will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Draft Programme of the AFCO Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of 26 October 2022