Dear RACVIAC POCs,

At the very outset, allow me to recall the Seminar on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security that was successfully organised by RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre in October 2012. As a continuation of this process aimed at supporting the implementation of this “hidden jewel” in the OSCE toolbox, the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre will organise a two-day Seminar focusing on the important issues facing parliamentarians in the region such as the parliamentary oversight and democratic control of armed forces.

"REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE OSCE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS" will be held on 24-26 June 2013 at the Garden City Resort Hotel, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The seminar has been supported by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation together with other international organisations such as DCAF, Geneva and NATO HQ Sarajevo.

All previous events, regional, inter-parliamentary and bilateral ones, between RACVIAC and the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been unanimously assessed as important and permanent forums of parliamentarians and experts from the countries of South-Eastern Europe (SEE) responsible for the oversight of the defence and security sector.

Thus, understanding of the oversight instruments and the ultimate purpose of parliamentary oversight is crucial for parliamentary members and staffs in exercising their executive powers.

This event targets parliamentarians and expert officials of the Defence/Security Parliamentary Committees as follows:

- Three participants from the following countries: AL, BA, HR, ME, MK, RS and SI (three parliament / committee members or members of the committee secretariats).
Details about the Seminar are outlined in the attached draft Agenda and Invitation Letter signed by the Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador Fletcher M. Burton, and the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ms Dušanka Majkić.

Parliamentary committee members and experts, as well as the mentioned participants and attendants are expected to use their experiences and lessons learnt in the preparation and structuring of legislation, mechanisms and procedures which are indispensable for the decision making in the domain of the democratic oversight of the security sector.

Please, forward this Letter and its annexes to your respective Parliamentary Committees.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Branimir Mandić

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Attachments:
- Invitation letter
- Draft Agenda