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Dear Presidents,

I would also like to express my gratitude for your letter of 7 May, which included the calendar of the inter-parliamentary conferences that the Austrian Parliament is organising within the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the forthcoming Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The calendar of your presidency includes a number of highly interesting parliamentary events. Norway is closely associated with the EU through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement and a number of other agreements. With the EU and Norway so deeply integrated, we share a common interest in increased cooperation and knowledge sharing. Participation in the meetings forecasted provides an important and valuable opportunity to this end.

I am aware that for certain meetings, the Austrian EU Presidency would need to consult with its troika partners before extending invitations to special guests. This is the case for the COSAC chairpersons and the COSAC plenary meetings as well as the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU. I would be very grateful if you would forward this letter to the chairpersons of the standing committees responsible for those meetings to facilitate these consultations.

Honourable Wolfgang Sobota
President of the National Council
of the Republic of Austria

Honourable Reinhard Todt
President of the Federal Council
of the Republic of Austria



In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with the EU Presidency of the Republic of Austria this fall.

Looking forward to continued close cooperation, I remain

Yours faithfully,



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