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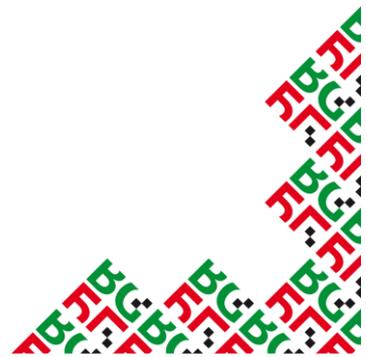
Dear Mr Timmermans,

Thank you for your letter of 4 January regarding the composition and timeframe of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently”. I regret that you were not able to accept our suggestions, which were aimed at achieving a more balanced and wider representation within the Task Force. Nevertheless, as you suggested in your letter, I hope that we would be efficient in completing together this very important and challenging work.

As you know, in November COSAC decided for the national Parliaments in the Presidential Troika to represent national Parliaments in the Task Force. In this regard, my colleagues in both the Estonian and the Austrian parliaments have informed me about their respective participation and I have the responsibility to pass that information to you, as follows:

1. Mr Toomas Vitsut, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu, will represent the Estonian parliament. Should he be unable to participate in any of the meetings, Mr Jaak Madison, Vice-Chairman of the EU Affairs Committee, will represent the Estonian parliament.
2. Mr Reinhold Lopatka, Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on EU affairs of the National Council, will represent the Austrian parliament.
3. As a Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and the Oversight of the European Funds, I will represent the Bulgarian Parliament.

In addition, as part of our efforts to involve as many national Parliaments as possible, we are setting up a working group within COSAC, which should include one member of a national parliament per Member State. Our goal is for the working group to serve as a forum for fruitful and constructive debates on the matters of subsidiarity, proportionality and better functioning of the Union. It should also allow us to coordinate better our efforts to represent the interests of the European citizens.





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We are looking forward to working with you over the next six months. I am confident that through constructive dialogue and enhanced cooperation we would contribute to the better functioning of the Union.

Yours sincerely,

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National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

