

## **Committee On European Integration**

## For the attention of Presidential Troika of COSAC

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for inviting the Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Georgia to the COSAC Chairperson's Meeting on July 9-10 in Tallinn. I look forward to an interesting and mutually beneficial exchange.

As we recognise the significance of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) as an effective mechanism for promoting democracy and sustainable economic development in the three Eastern Partnership countries, having signed the Association Agreements with the EU – Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, and as we reiterate our commitment to the common values of human dignity, freedom, equality and rule of law, we look forward to the EaP Summit, which shall become an inspiring instrument to accelerate democratic transformation of the three associated partners. With the recent decision on visa liberalization for Georgia and Ukraine, the current year is believed to be a historical turning point in relations between the EU and the associated partners.

As we seek every opportunity to promote European agenda of Georgia, we have carefully considered the draft programme of the Plenary Meeting of the LVIII COSAC, 26-28 November, 2017. There are several important items on the agenda. Among them, COSAC plans to consider the future of the European Union. In connection with the above, I would like to request the introduction of a new agenda point concerning the achievements and the future of the Eastern Partnership.

The COSAC Plenary will present the first opportunity to discuss the Eastern Partnership following a political declaration of the EaP Summit and will enable parliamentarians to concentrate on common interest, take stalk of the past and develop a vision for the future. Putting this point on the agenda for COSAC Plenary will ensure greater degree of participation of national parliaments in defining EU's external policies.

I thank you in advance for giving this proposal your kind consideration.

Sincerely.

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Chairperson