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Dear Mr. Speaker, Dear Mr. Chairman,

We would like to extend our most sincere congratulations to your country for holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and thus the Conference of Parliamentary Committees on European Union Affairs (COSAC).

Considering the strength and the determinism of the Small European States, we are sure the Republic of Malta, despite the numerous challenges ahead, will find the best path to give new impetus to the European Union (UE).

As you may know the Principality of Monaco, together with Andorra and San Marino, initiated negociations with the UE on March 2015 in order to conclude an Association Agreement, which should give an access to the Single Market.

Therefore, the COSAC represents a valuable tool for Monaco to understand the role of the national parliaments within the UE as well as their relations with the European Parliament. As you know, a delegation of the National Council attended, as an observer Parliament, the last plenary session, held in Bratislava on November 2016, this has enabled the Monegasque Parliament to strengthen with the other parliaments of UE and to have an in-depth approach of link the European institutions.

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To that end, we would like to kindly request an invitation to attend, as an observer Parliament, the LVII COSAC which your parliament will organize on May 28-30 2017.

Wishing you a very successful and constructive mandate in the Presidency of the COSAC.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee,

Jean-Charles ALLAVENA

Speaker of the National Council,

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