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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).

We are sure the Republic of Slovakia, despite the numerous challenges ahead, will find the best path to give new impetus to the European Union (EU). The outcome of the referendum in the United Kingdom is indeed an opportunity to reshape the EU and hence guaranty its survival.

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

Therefore, the COSAC represents a valuable tool for Monaco to understand the role of national parliaments within the EU as well as their relations with the European Parliament. Moreover, the participation of Monaco to the forthcoming plenary session, to be held in Bratislava on November 13-15 2016, could enable the National Council to strengthen ties with EU parliaments and have an in-depth approach to 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 LVI COSAC.

Wishing you a very successful and constructive mandate in the Presidency of the ${\it COSAC}.$

Yours sincerely,

Head of the Foreign Affairs Committee,

Jean-Charles ALLAVENA

Speaker of the National Council,

Christophe STEINER