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Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation

Dear Mr Blaha,

On behalf of the Swiss delegation for relations with European institutions and their member states, I would like to congratulate you on Slovakia's presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of this year. Endeavouring to contribute to strengthening dialogue and inter-parliamentary cooperation, the Swiss delegation for relations with the European Parliament and its member states continually strives to foster active, lasting and regular exchanges.

Since the Italian presidency in 2014, a delegation from the Swiss Federal Assembly has been invited to attend the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC). Switzerland's participation in these meetings has contributed greatly to strengthening dialogue and inter-parliamentary cooperation with its most important partners, the members of the EU.

That is why it would be a great honour to be able to represent a Swiss delegation at the next meeting of the chairpersons of COSAC, and at the COSAC plenary meeting. Participation at future inter-parliamentary meetings during the Slovak presidency of the Council of the EU would provide a valuable opportunity to strengthen bilateral relations.

In my capacity as president of the delegation for relations with the European Parliament and its member states, I would be very grateful if you would consider Switzerland's request to attend the forthcoming meetings of COSAC as a special guest, as well as at future inter-parliamentary meetings planned during the Slovak presidency.



It is a particular concern of mine that we pursue our dialogue on European policy in a spirit of mutual understanding and respect, so that we can continue to work successfully on finding common solutions. With this in mind, I would like to wish you a successful and enriching EU Council Presidency in the second half of 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Aeschi

Member of the National Council

President of the EFTA/EU Delegation

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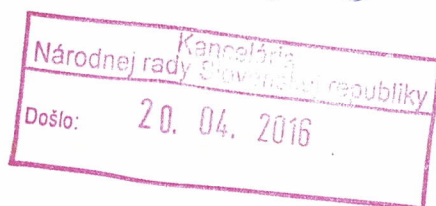


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