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For the attention of Presidential Troika of COSAC

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Dear colleagues,

Let me express my gratitude for your support to Georgia in the European integration processes aimed at our country's European approximation.

We have witnessed remarkable developments in the EU-Georgia relations over the last few years. The conclusion of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia has upgraded our partnership, opened up new opportunities for the legislative and executive bodies and generated new expectations among our people.

Georgia is among the most dedicated and consistent Eastern Partnership countries in pursuing its goal of political approximation and economic integration with the European Union. We are committed to building deep, institutional democracy by consolidating domestic reforms and pursue policies based on the values and principles we share with Europe.

As reaffirmed in the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, signed in 27 June 2014 and ratified on July 18, 2014 by the Parliament of Georgia, our government is committed to the rule of law, good governance, institution building, the promotion of sustainable development, and effective multilateralism. This commitment constitutes a key factor in the development of our relations and guides our activities in the joint parliamentary

platforms among others. As you are well aware, elected members of the Parliament of Georgia and the European Parliament work together in the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee and the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly. The Parliament of Georgia actively contributes to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe (PACE), NATO Parliamentary Assembly, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and develops the mechanisms of bilateral parliamentary cooperation with the national parliaments of the EU members states.

As Georgia started the provisional application of the Association Agreement with the EU, I believe we are ready for opening new parliamentary cooperation mechanisms. Intensification of experience exchange with the European Integration Committees of the member states contributes to the implementation of the EU-Georgia AA priorities.

Providing the opportunity for the Parliament of Georgia to be invited in COSAC - Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs reunions as an observer would be an important sign of support at this significant moment.

I am kindly asking you to consider this proposal for the upcoming COSAC Chairperson's Meeting and for the **COSAC Plenary Meeting planned during Dutch EU Presidency in 2016.**

Wish you Happy New Year and successful Presidency.

Sincerely,



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