

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
**THE SENATE**  
**VÁCLAV HAMPL**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

first of all, let me thank you for your excellent work at the helm of the COSAC during the Luxembourgish Presidency. The Chairpersons' meeting in July was very productive in terms of our exchange of views on the priorities of your Presidency and our dialogue on how to make the voice of National Parliaments heard in the EU by means of launching the green card initiative and enhancing the yellow card procedure.

In relation to the latter point under discussion, I fully understand your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to convene a special working group to take the discussions on these matters further, and I do recall that it was indicated at the meeting that a possible date for the meeting could be set in advance of the COSAC plenary.

After careful consideration, however, I am convinced that organizing special Working Groups of COSAC would generally be more effective if they were to take place in the margins of COSAC meetings (be it Chairpersons' meeting or the plenary), given above all the following arguments.

First, the dates for COSAC meetings are set well in advance so that everyone can take account of them and avoid situations when ad hoc dates for working group sessions conflict with other commitments of COSAC members, thus ensuring that the participation at these working groups would be representative enough to enable reaching a relevant recommendation for COSAC's consideration.

Second, convening working groups in the margins of COSAC meetings would reduce overall costs, both for national parliaments willing to participate in working groups and for the organizing Parliament.

As I will not be able to participate in the Working Group to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015, may I kindly ask you and the Troika to consider my suggestion to organize COSAC Working Groups in the margins of COSAC meetings in future, and to possibly have an exchange of views on this procedural proposal already at the upcoming Working Group?

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the COSAC plenary at the end of November.

Sincerely,



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Chairman of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, on Defense, Cooperation  
and Immigration