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Dear Mr President,

I am writing to you following the recent COSAC plenary meeting that took place in Dublin from 23-25 June as part of the parliamentary dimension to the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

At the conference, national parliamentarians from across the EU and members of the European Parliament held robust and constructive debate on the future of the European Union, development policy, EU enlargement, and issues affecting marginalised youth.

In the Contribution adopted by the conference, COSAC welcomes the focus being placed by the Commission and the European Council on the issue of democratic legitimacy and accountability, as part of the wider debate on EMU. The Contribution includes a call for the Commission and the European Council to engage with Parliaments and for the Commission to come forward with firm proposals for greater democratic legitimacy and accountability with a sense of ambition and urgency.

Please find enclosed the Contribution adopted by the COSAC plenary last month.

Yours sincerely,

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