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Dear Chairmen,

I would like to extend my best wishes at the beginning of the Polish Presidency and I look forward to continuing our close and productive cooperation for the benefit of all European citizens. To follow up on our dialogue during the XLV COSAC meeting in Budapest, I am very pleased to send you the official reply of the European Commission to its Contribution.

I would also like to thank you for inviting me to take part in the XLVI COSAC meeting, due to be held in Warsaw on 2nd-4th October. It is always an honour to be able to exchange views with representatives of the national and European Parliaments.

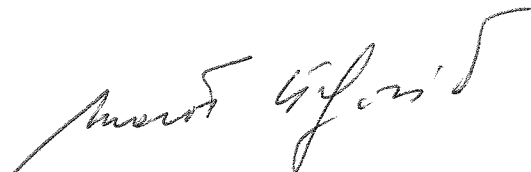
As one of the very prominent fora where the political dialogue between the Commission and national Parliaments takes place at the highest level, the COSAC traditionally hosts open and constructive discussions, which can help us reach a common understanding on the great challenges Europe is facing today.

The Commission is looking forward to further intensifying the dialogue with national Parliaments on topics of particular strategic and political importance, such as the Commission Work Programme or the Europe 2020 strategy. In this context, I found the debate on the way to economic recovery, held during the last COSAC meeting in Budapest, very fruitful, and I am convinced that we should build on this constructive experience.

In October, I will be glad to contribute in particular to reflections on the way relationships between the Commission and national Parliaments can be further developed, as well as on the experience since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. Building on this experience, and on our mutually enriching political dialogue, I am also looking forward to discussing with national Parliaments the European Union's policy priorities for next year. Both the contribution and the conclusions of the XLV COSAC meeting held in Budapest earlier this year reinforce my conviction that we are on the right track.

I am looking forward to participating to the XLVI meeting in Warsaw.

Yours faithfully,



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