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## CORTES GENERALES

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Dear Colleague,

First of all, allow me to thank you for your kind words on the organisation of our recent meeting in Madrid.

I am also happy to inform you that I share the concerns that you raise in your letter, and in that respect, I hope that the outcome of the COSAC ordinary meeting next May will provide an adequate forum for their discussion, which comprise the future of COSAC and the relations between the national Parliaments and the European Parliament.

As you undoubtedly have been provided by now with the questionnaire for the next Bi-annual report, which was sent to the national Parliaments on 24 February, I trust that you will have found that it tackles most, if not all, of your concerns.

The answers of the different delegations to this questionnaire will provide the basis of the eventual COSAC report, which will be instrumental for a structured debate in May in Madrid. It is therefore of the utmost importance that you include all the comments and observations that you and your delegation find pertinent to the relevant questions.

As you would have noticed, the new powers of the national Parliaments, and in particular those regarding the "early warning mechanism", feature prominently on the questionnaire, and therefore, rest assured that it will be included in the report and in the subsequent debate.

In any case, let me congratulate you on your command of the issues that we will be discussing at the XLIII COSAC, and I certainly look forward to your contribution as keynote speaker on the topic of "*the new model of relations between the national Parliaments and the European Parliament after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon*".

Yours sincerely,

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