

Mr. Erkki Tuomioja Chairman of the Grand Committee Eduskunta-Parliament of Finland Helsinki, Finland

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Dear Colleague,

Allow me to thank you for forwarding the opinion of the Grand Committee of the Eduskunta on the proposed framework agreement between the European Parliament and the Commission. It raises a number of questions that are indeed of considerable interest to COSAC, as the debate relating to the new model for relations between the European Parliament and the national Parliaments is one of the topics of the XLIII COSAC in Madrid.

If you look carefully at the draft agenda which was unanimously approved at the Meeting of Chairpersons' in February, you will find that your request can easily be accommodated in the existing items, as the issues that have been mentioned by the Grand Committee may be raised (i) to the member of the European Commission in charge of inter-institutional relations, who will speak on the subject of the political priorities of the new European Commission, and (ii) during the debate on the new model for relations between the national Parliaments after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon. Both items in the Agenda will be debated on Tuesday, 1 June.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Cortes Generales Joint Committee for the European Union

