

COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Milan URBÁNI Chairman

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Dear Ms. Chairwoman,

First of all, I would like to wish your country and the Swedish Riksdag to assume successfully the forthcoming Swedish Presidency of the European Union. One aspect of the Presidency is the parliamentary cooperation at the level of regular COSAC meetings.

Referring to this interparliamentary dimension let me make a suggestion concerning the upcoming COSAC meetings. We have witnessed several times during some COSAC meetings in the past an inadequate time space for the discussion, which would allow all the interested delegates representing the national parliaments to contribute with their opinions or comments on an issue in question.

It should be our aim to facilitate that all the national contributions might be heard during the meetings that aim primarily to have a comprehensive parliamentary discussion. Thus it would be very much helpful to stick to the agenda comprising no more than two substantial topics for the discussion, apart from procedural matters, which are an inevitable part of each COSAC meeting.

Let me kindly ask you to have this in mind when drafting the future programmes of the COSAC meetings, so that the discussions, as well as the results of the meetings can be more detailed and concrete.

Yours truly

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To the attention of:

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