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Vice President of the European Commission
Mrs. Margot Wallström

Dear Mrs. Wallström,

Firstly, let me express my thanks for your very informative presentation at the recent COSAC chairpersons' meeting in Luxembourg. It was highly appreciated by all participants. Your introduction gave members of parliaments a good flavour of the Commission's Strategic Objectives and the annual Work Programme.

Secondly, it provided an excellent insight into the Commission's thoughts on how to reinforce future relations with the national Parliaments. Your first annual information report on this important subject is anticipated with great anxiety. In this context we are grateful for your generous commitment to assist national parliaments in carrying through the examination of the 3rd railway package in relation to the COSAC "pilot-project" starting on 1 March. I hope the Commission will be in a position to transmit all relevant documents directly to national parliaments for the "pilot project" including the Commission's justification of the relevance of the proposals with regard to the principle of subsidiarity.

I am very much looking forward to working together with you during the Luxembourg Presidency and hope that there will be opportunities for you to meet us again in the near future within the COSAC-framework.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Fayot
Chairman of the Committee for Foreign and European Affairs,
for Defense, for Cooperation and for Immigration