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First Vice-President

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Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Commission, I am pleased to send you the European Commission's reply to the Contribution which was adopted at the plenary meeting of the Conference for Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC) in Sofia from 17 to 19 June 2018.

As always, it was a pleasure to have an open and frank debate with Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament on the future of Europe.

With the report of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently", published on 10 July 2018, and the related Communication of the European Commission on "The Principles of subsidiarity: Strengthening their role in the EU's policymaking", adopted on 23 October 2018, we now have an excellent opportunity to discuss how to better ensure respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality in the preparation and implementation of Union legislation and how to facilitate and enhance the role of national Parliaments in this context. To make meaningful progress, we need an engaged and constructive discussion with all actors involved.

I look forward to continuing the wider exchange of views with national Parliaments and the European Parliament as well as the Council on these issues.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex: Commission Reply to the LIX COSAC Contribution