



# Tweede Kamer

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To Mr Vannino CHITI  
Chairman of the standing committee on EU policies  
Senato della Repubblica

Mr Michele BORDO  
Chairman of the standing committee on EU policies  
Camera dei Deputati

Date 10 July 2014  
Subject COSAC Chairpersons Meeting on 17-18 July 2014, Rome

Dear Mr Chiti and Mr Bordo,

First of all I would like to congratulate you with the start of the Italian Presidency of the EU. I am convinced that the parliamentary dimension of the Presidency is in good hands with you.

The European Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands (EAC) is pleased with your invitation for the COSAC Chairpersons meeting on 17-18 July 2014 in Rome.

With regard to the meeting, the EAC has discussed, on the basis of the draft COSAC-agenda, its position to be represented by Mr Rene Leegte, vice-chairman of the EAC. Regarding the proposed agenda item *the Priorities of the Italian Presidency and prospects for the European Union after the European elections* I already would like to share with you the position of the House of Representatives through this letter.

**The delegation of the Dutch House of Representatives calls upon all national parliaments of the EU Member States to deliver a (common) message to the members of the European Parliament elected in their respective Member State. This message is to request these Members of the European Parliament to ask the Commissioners-designate the following questions during their hearings:**

- **What is your opinion of the strengthened role of national parliaments since the Treaty of Lisbon? And how do you, in your foreseen role as a Commissioner, plan to contribute to further strengthen the role of national parliaments in the European legislative process?**
- **Do you foresee an active engagement with National Parliaments and how will this engagement look like?**
- **How do you intend to deal with the situation when a so-called yellow card is drawn by national parliaments? How do you intend to shape and develop the dialogue with the national parliaments about draft legislative acts, in order to avoid apparent ignorance towards the arguments of the national parliaments as perceived by them in the case of the European Public Prosecutor's Office?**



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Chairmen, herewith I convey these suggestions to you and to the COSAC Secretariat with the aim to distribute this letter to the other delegations before the meeting. Of course the Dutch delegation of the House of Representatives will request the floor during the session to explain its position and is looking forward to the exchange of views and fruitful debate regarding amongst others the suggestions in this letter.

With the highest esteem,

Raymond Knops

Chair of the standing committee on European affairs  
Tweede Kamer of the States-General