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Agnieszka Pomaska

To the Chairperson of the EU Affairs Committee of the national parliaments/chambers of the EU Member State

Dear Colleague,

During the latest COSAC Chairpersons meeting in Riga we decided to form an informal working group of willing national Parliaments to explore the possibility of improving the "yellow card" procedure. As it was announced in Riga, I would like to invite you for a Working Group meeting in Warsaw, on the 13th of May 2015 from 10.30 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. in the premises of the Sejm.

I suggest to focus our discussion on four specific topics:

- I. Closer involvement and cooperation by national Parliaments in European affairs – better use of the mechanisms available to them
- II. Possibilities for national Parliaments to scrutinize proportionality on an equal footing with subsidiarity
- III. Improving the timeliness and quality of the European Commission's response to reasoned opinions and opinions sent by national Parliaments under the political dialogue
- IV. The possibility of extending the deadline for reasoned opinions from 8 to 12 weeks within the current Treaties

Detailed agenda of the meeting is attached to this invitation.

I am also sending you a working paper to facilitate our work. It examines current situation and contains several proposals that I present under your consideration. I would appreciate receiving your comments to the following e-mail address: Magdalena.skrzynska@sejm.gov.pl **by the 30th April 2015**, so that we could prepare a summary of the proposals for our meeting.

The results of our meeting will be presented during the next COSAC meeting in Riga.

Due to the informal setting, only one member per parliament/chamber can participate (accompanied with one staff member). The online registration will be open **from the 13th to the 30th April 2015:**

<http://orka.sejm.gov.pl/RegYCP.nsf/Registration?OpenForm>

The European Parliament, European Commission and European Council will also be invited to attend the meeting.

The working language will be English and no translation will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you in Warsaw.

Yours sincerely,

