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Dear Prime Minister Ratas,


It is my honour to transmit to you, on behalf of 26 national parliaments/chambers of the European Union, a letter containing four proposals concerning the transparency of political decision-making in the European Union.

The proposals we put forward in the letter have been discussed at the most recent COSAC-meeting of national parliaments and the European parliament in Tallinn on 26-28 November 2017. The basis for this plenary discussion was a position paper drafted by the Dutch House of Representatives and the Senate, which I attach for your information. Together the 26 parliaments/chambers that support these proposals and are signatory to this letter account for an unprecedented majority of 37 out of the 56 votes assigned to the national parliaments in the EU by the Treaty of Lisbon protocols.

The four proposals primarily concern the Council of the European Union, the European Council and the Eurogroup, as it is our role as national parliaments to hold the members of these bodies to account. We would be grateful if you would keep us informed on how, insofar the proposals concern the Council of the European Union, you intend to proceed with them.

Yours sincerely,

The chairman of the standing committee on European Affairs



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