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Dear colleagues,

On 26 March 2018, I had the pleasure to chair the first meeting of the COSAC working group, established with the aim to facilitate a comprehensive discussion on the work of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently". We had a fruitful discussion and I am confident that many of our shared views will be included in the LIX COSAC Contribution, which is to be adopted in June 2018 in Sofia.

Following the latest developments and especially the most recent meeting of the Task Force on 27 April 2018, I have decided jointly with my colleagues from the Troika, that a second meeting of the working group will not be necessary. We have included an item on the agenda of the LIX COSAC (Session V: EU Interparliamentary cooperation in the context of the debate on subsidiarity and proportionality), that will allow for a discussion on the matter to be held in the presence of First Vice-President of the Commission Frans Timmermans.

In addition, during the last meeting of the Task Force we discussed the possibility to request from national Parliaments their written contributions on the subject, specifically on the questions posed by President Juncker in his decision from 14 November 2017:

- (a) How to better apply the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality in the work of the Union's Institutions, notably regarding the preparation and implementation of Union legislation and policies.
- (b) The identification of any policy areas where, over time, decision making and/or implementation could be redelegated in whole or in part or definitively returned to the Member States.
- (c) The identification of ways to better involve regional and local authorities in the preparation and the follow up of Union policies.

Therefore, I am pleased to invite you to submit in writing by 10 June 2018 any recommendations you might have related to the above-mentioned tasks to my email address kristian.vigenin@parliament.bg, keeping in copy the Secretariat of the Task Force (SG-TF-SUBSIDIARITY@ec.europa.eu), as well as the COSAC Secretariat (secretariat@cosac.eu).





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Please be also reminded that all the pertinent documents related to the work of the Task Force are available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/democratic-change/better-regulation/task-force-subsidiarity-proportionality-and-doing-less-more-efficiently_en#documents

I am looking forward to your suggestions and I am convinced that with joint efforts we can contribute to bringing the European agenda closer to our citizens.

Yours sincerely,

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