



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
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**To
Chairpersons of the Parliamentary
Committees for Union Affairs of
Parliaments of the European Union**

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to you in regard to a matter that was raised during the LIX COSAC in Sofia when the parliaments of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine submitted a letter to the Presidency. They inquired about the possibility of amending the Rules of Procedure of COSAC in order to allow them to be invited to COSAC meetings on a regular basis. As I informed the colleagues from Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, as well as all of you who were present in Sofia, I found that the request deserved further consideration.

I am convinced that there is indeed room for improvement of the existing framework. Therefore, in accordance with section 11 of the Rules of Procedure, I submitted my proposal for their revision to the Austrian Presidency. Attached you can find my letter to Dr Lopatka and Mr Buchmann. It is my sincere belief that close parliamentary cooperation not only with the candidate countries but also with the potential candidates, the Eastern Partnership partner countries and the EFTA countries, is valuable and necessary for the future of our Union and we should strive to enhance and facilitate it.

Following the established procedure I am sharing my proposal with all of the COSAC delegations in accordance with the deadline prescribed in the Rules of Procedure. I also hope that it would be included in the agenda of the LX COSAC in Vienna for further debate.

I would like to thank you once again for our fruitful cooperation during the Bulgarian presidency and I hope we can continue the good work in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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