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Dear colleague

I would like to congratulate you on the election as Chair of the EU Affairs Committee of the Seima of the Republic of Latvia. I wish you every success in this important position.

I am also addressing you in your capacity as the incoming Chair of the EU Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC). The Speaker of the Seima has kindly sent our Speaker the calendar of the conferences and meetings to be held within the parliamentary dimension of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. As you may be aware, the Chair and other representatives of the European Consultative Committee of the Norwegian Parliament have for a number of years, and at the discretion of the COSAC Chair, regularly been invited as a “special guest” to the meetings of COSAC. I believe participation in these meetings has proven to be an arrangement of common value for all of us.

Though not a member of the European Union, Norway is closely associated with the EU through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement and a number of other agreements. With the EU and Norway so deeply integrated, we share a common interest in increased cooperation and knowledge sharing. Participation in meetings like the COSAC meetings provides an opportunity to this end.

During the Latvian presidency a COSAC Chair meeting is scheduled for 1 – 2 February 2015 and a COSAC plenary meeting for 31 May– 2 June 2015. I would highly appreciate if you after consulting with your troika partners could consider extending an invitation to the Norwegian Parliament to these two meetings.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with the EU presidency of Latvia during the next 6 months.

Looking forward to hearing from you on this matter, I remain,



Yours sincerely

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