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Prague, 9 February 2018

To: Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission, Chair of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"

Dear First Vice-President Timmermans,

I am contacting you in your capacity of the Chair of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently".

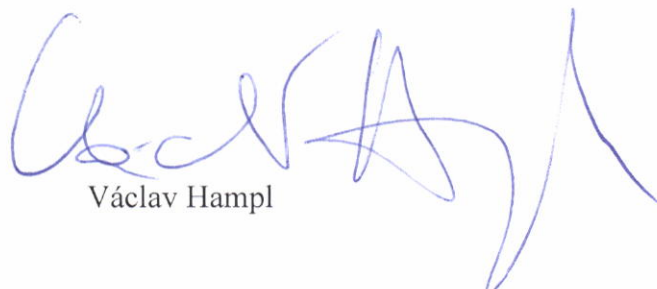
Please let me forward to you, on behalf of chairpersons or COSAC delegates of EU affairs committees of 21 national parliaments or parliamentary chambers, a written contribution (a paper) to the Task Force. I would like to ask you to kindly instruct the secretariat of the Task Force to distribute this letter and the paper to the members of the Task Force.

The annexed paper brings together various COSAC Contributions on the implementation of the principle of subsidiarity and formulates concrete recommendations we believe the Task Force should consider. I hope that issues repeatedly raised by COSAC in relation to the principle of subsidiarity will be included in the agenda of the Task Force.

I would also like to emphasize that this contribution does not preclude any further contributions from the signatories to the work of the Task Force.

I am looking forward to our further cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Václav Hampl

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**Annex:** How to better apply the principle of subsidiarity and the subsidiarity control mechanism – Recommendations to the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently” based on Contributions of the COSAC (Paper from the COSAC delegation of the Senate of Parliament of the Czech Republic).