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Dear Mr President,

Let us thank you for your letter which you addressed to the current Austrian COSAC Chair and to the Presidents of the Austrian National Council and Federal Council.

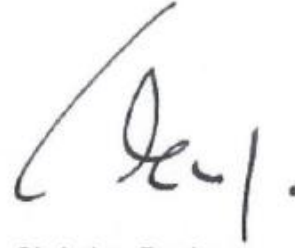
As you rightly point out “each national Parliament shall be represented by a maximum of six Members of its Committee(s) for Union Affairs” according to Art. 3.1 of the rules of procedure of COSAC. We also take note of Declaration No. 51 of the Lisbon Treaty (Declaration by the Kingdom of Belgium on national Parliaments) in which Belgium informed the other Member States about the role of Parliamentary Assemblies of the Communities and the Regions within the Belgian constitutional system. The Austrian COSAC Chair, however, has to stress that it is not the role of COSAC to enter into discussions on constitutional or representational arrangements of a Member State. The role of the COSAC-Chair is limited to the application of the rules of procedure, leaving it to the Federal Parliament of Belgium to decide on the composition of the delegation to COSAC.



Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee  
on EU Affairs of the National Council



Christian Buchmann

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