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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your invitation to the COSAC Plenary in Hague June 12-14. The subjects at the conference are very interesting and I look forward to fruitful discussions.

For the past decade, the EU and its Member States have been trying to find ways to enhance the competitiveness of our economies, thus providing more jobs and prosperity for our citizens at the same time following the ever more important reduction of environmental impact and effective use of commodities.

Some of the solutions have been more successful than others, however I believe we all agree that involving much more smart solutions as well as electronic possibilities in cooperation with scientific innovations is one of the ways to reach our common goal.

Estonia has promoted digital solutions in a variety of fields, starting from the State services and reaching now to the regulations in the field of sharing economy. Estonia has introduced a draft legislation that would regulate ridesharing platforms, such as Uber or Estonian company Taxify, for the first time in Europe.

I would like to introduce Estonia's approach towards ride sharing and sharing economy in general to all my European colleagues. I am therefore writing to request your assistance in facilitating an informal discussion in the margins of the forthcoming COSAC conference, in which I would hope to discuss this issue.

My Committee staff would be delighted to speak to you and the COSAC secretariat about any practical arrangements. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson
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