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Dear Members of the COSAC Secretariat,

Over the last year we witnessed dynamic development of the relations between Ukraine and the European Union. The conclusion of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union and its simultaneous ratification by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the European Parliament almost a year ago, on 16 September 2014, have significantly elevated our cooperation – literally to economic integration and political association.

Being strongly committed to the implementation of the European common values in Ukraine, in particular through efficient approximation of the Ukrainian national legislation to the European one, we are paying a particular attention to intensification of cooperation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with both the European Parliament and national Parliaments of the EU Member States, including at the level of the special committees dealing with the EU affairs.

As you are well aware, on 3 July 2015 Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Groyzman and President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Verkhovna Rada and the European Parliament. This step has set a joint framework for parliamentary support and capacity building at the European level.

In view of this, I strongly believe that it is also a high time to enhance cooperation with the Conference of the committees of the national Parliaments of the European Union Member States, for instance by providing the Ukrainian delegation with a special status, that would promote the exchange of information and best practice between Ukraine and the EU Member States in such important area as legislative process.

I am confident that such cooperation would play a significant role in the implementation of reform agenda under the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union.

In this regard I would like to ask you to consider the above mentioned proposal and count on your support of this initiative.

Sincerely,

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