

to Lolita ČIGĀNE

Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima

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Dear colleague,

I would like to thank you very much for the invitation for the upcoming Plenary COSAC in Riga from 31 May-2 June 2015. The agenda promises a very interesting conference and I look forward to a fruitful debate.

With regard to the agenda, more specifically the topic on the "Future of the Parliamentary Scrutiny of the European Union Affairs" (session IV), I would like to inform you about the overview of priorities from national parliaments extracted from the European Commission Work Program. In total 14 chambers have communicated their priorities through the channel of parliamentary representatives in Brussels, the results of which have been summarized in the attached table.

On behalf of the national parliaments involved, I have shared this new overview to the First Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Timmermans.

This table, which has been composed following the informal meeting on the role of national parliaments on the 19th of January 2015 in Brussels and the COSAC Chairs meeting in Riga, has also been presented during the meeting of the working group on improving the 'yellow card' procedure, held in Warsaw, 13 May 2015. I believe this table is an example on how national parliaments can work together and create practical tools to facilitate our cooperation.

I look forward meeting you in Riga and discuss our parliamentary cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Chair of the European Affairs Committee

House of the Dutch Parliament