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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you following the recent COSAC plenary meeting that took place in Dublin from 23-25 June as part of the parliamentary dimension to the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Please find enclosed the Contribution adopted at the plenary meeting.

At the conference, national parliamentarians from across the EU and members of the European Parliament held robust and constructive debate on the future of the European Union, development policy, EU enlargement, and issues affecting marginalised youth.

In the Contribution, COSAC welcomes the focus being placed by the European institutions on the issue of democratic legitimacy and accountability, as part of the wider debate on EMU. The Contribution includes a call for the Commission to engage with Parliaments and to come forward with firm proposals for greater democratic legitimacy and accountability with a sense of ambition and urgency.

I wish to thank you for the European Parliament's participation in the meeting and for the contribution that the delegation made to the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs