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Dear Mr Mahoux, dear Mr Flahaut,

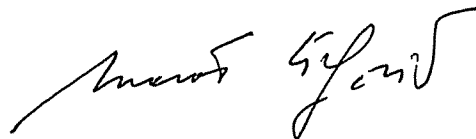
In response to the letter of Mr Arias Cañete on behalf of the former Spanish COSAC Presidency, dated 8 June 2010 and addressed to President Barroso, I am very pleased to send to you the official reply of the European Commission to the Contribution of the XLIII COSAC, which the College endorsed at its meeting on 6 July 2010.

I have already given a brief outline of this reply in my speech at the last COSAC Chairpersons' meeting on 5 July, which I had the great pleasure to attend and which was an excellent occasion to exchange views on some of the most important topical files as well as, more generally, on future perspectives of the Commission's relations with national Parliaments.

As we have already stated in our latest Annual Report on relations between the European Commission and national Parliaments, the Commission is fully committed to regularly respond to COSAC contributions as we believe that this would be another important step towards the strengthening of our political dialogue with national Parliaments.

I am looking forward to continuing our constructive exchanges,

Yours faithfully



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