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Mr José Manuel Barroso, President European Commission Berlaymont B – 1049 BRYSSEL Belgien

Dear President Barroso,

I would like to express my great appreciation to the European Commission regarding Vice President Ms Margot Wallström's address at our COSAC Meeting in Stockholm on 6 October 2009. The former Speaker of the Swedish Parliament Mr Björn von Sydow also gave an address on the same topic, and these presentations were followed by an interesting debate about openness and transparency in the EU Institutions, and in national parliaments when dealing with EU matters.

The Members attending the COSAC Meeting also discussed current topics during the Swedish Presidency with Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, the Stockholm Programme with the Minister for Justice, Ms Beatrice Ask and the Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy, Mr Tobias Billström, and the Climate Challenge with the Minister for the Environment, Mr Andreas Carlgren.

In accordance with the Amsterdam Treaty Protocol on the role of national parliaments, COSAC may make any contribution it deems appropriate for the attention of the EU Institutions. In view of this, I would like to draw your attention to the Contribution adopted by the XLII COSAC.

Yours sincerely,

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