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Dear Colleague,

As you know, COSAC will carry out its next subsidiarity checks on two proposals selected from the Commission's Legislative and Work Programme for 2008: the proposal for a directive on standards of quality and safety of human organs for transplantation, which has just been adopted by the Commission, and the proposal for a regulation on the applicable law, jurisdiction, recognition of decisions and administrative measures in the area of successions and wills, which should be published in first half of 2009.

Beyond these two exercises already scheduled, we have now to think about a selection of texts for the following subsidiarity checks, in accordance with the Commission's Legislative and Work Programme for 2009 [COM (2008) 712], published on last 5 November. We remind you indeed that, in point 3.7 of the Conclusions of the XL COSAC adopted in Paris on 4 November 2008, COSAC welcomed the fact that "*national parliaments consider the pilot exercises necessary in advance of the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon*" and that it "*is therefore determined to continue these exercises*".

We therefore invite you to inform the COSAC Presidency of the future proposals of the European Commission listed in its Programme for 2009 that you wish to subject to a subsidiarity check. Your replies should also be addressed to the COSAC Secretariat. The incoming Czech Presidency will be in charge of organising the selection procedure.

Yours Sincerely,

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