



REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH
Parlament

Dear Mr. President,

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At the moment the European Union finds itself in an important phase. Many questions as the future of the constitutional treaty and the role of national parliaments with regard to subsidiarity and proportionality are presently dealt with in the framework of COSAC.

To this end the last XXXIV COSAC which was held in London on 9-11 October 2005 passed a contribution that was addressed to you by the former UK-Chair. In a reply of 24 November 2005 you informed the Chair that you took good note of its contents and would certainly take its recommendations into account.

In preparation of the XXXV COSAC to be held in Vienna on 21-23 May the 5th biannual report prepared by the COSAC Secretariat will include a chapter that will follow up issues that had been subject of the contribution of the XXXIV COSAC. The part of the contribution that concerned the European Commission dealt with "better regulation: impact assessments".

We therefore enclose a few questions regarding this issue. We would be grateful if the European Commission could provide the Austrian chair of COSAC with the necessary information by the end of March 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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