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Dear Mr Fasslabend, Dear Mr Kneifel,

Thank you for your letter of 8 March, with which you enclosed a number of questions which follow-up on the contribution on Better Regulation: Impact Assessments, adopted by the XXXIV COSAC in London in October 2005.

Please find attached the Commission's answers to the questions you raised. I trust they will be of use in the preparation of the 5th biannual report currently being prepared for the XXXV COSAC, to be held in Vienna in May.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should COSAC require any further information for the preparation of this section of the biannual report.

Yours sincerely,

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