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### **Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation**

Dear Mrs Gabriela Crețu

On behalf of the Swiss delegation for relations with European institutions and their member states, I would like to congratulate you on Romania's imminent and first presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Parliamentary Dimension is an important part of every EU Presidency. This has been particularly true since the adoption of the Treaty of Lisbon, which has strengthened the role of national parliaments in the EU's legislative process. In that context, I would be honoured to be able to represent a Swiss delegation at the inter-parliamentary meetings to be chaired by the Romanian Council presidency.

I am certain that Switzerland's participation at future inter-parliamentary meetings during the Romanian presidency of the Council of the EU would be of mutual benefit for the EU and Switzerland to strengthen bilateral relations – as important political and economic partners. With this in mind, I would like to wish you a successful and enriching EU Council Presidency in the first half of 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Karin Keller-Sutter  
President of the EFTA/EU Delegation