

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

**THE SENATE**

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**LXI COSAC Contribution**

Dear colleagues,

I am contacting you in your capacity as members of the Presidential Troika of COSAC.

I believe that COSAC is the forum for continuous debate on institutional matters, including the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, even if they do not always have to feature on the programme of the COSAC. In this regard, COSAC should pursue the implementation of the measures announced by the Commission in its Communication "The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality: Strengthening their role in the EU's policymaking" from 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 that correspond to suggestions that COSAC has made in its past contributions.

One of these measures is the exclusion of the Christmas/New Year period from the eight-week period to submit reasoned opinions. This, as you know, has also been one of the points of the last year's contribution from the COSAC delegation of the Czech Senate ("How to better apply the principle of subsidiarity and the subsidiarity control mechanism") to the work of the Commission's Task Force.

The Senate has already asked the Czech Government to open this topic in the Council (see the attached resolution of the Senate) and I have been informed that the Commission has also addressed the European Parliament and the Council.

I think it would be most appropriate for the LXI. COSAC to call onto the Commission, the European Parliament, and the Council to swiftly reach an agreement on excluding the Christmas/New Year period from the eight-week period to submit reasoned opinions. I would like to ask you to consider including

an article to that effect in the draft Contribution of the LXI. COSAC. The support expressed by COSAC delegates from both chambers of the Parliament of Romania as well as 17 other national parliaments/chambers to our contribution makes me confident that such an appeal would be welcomed by the delegations at the LXI. COSAC.

I am looking forward to our further cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Angel', written in a cursive style.

**Annexes:**

- 1) 95<sup>th</sup> Resolution of the Senate of Parliament of the Czech Republic from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.
- 2) Letter to Frans Timmermans including Paper from the COSAC delegation of the Czech Senate "How to better apply the principle of subsidiarity and the subsidiarity control mechanism."

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