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Dear Ms Hassi,

Thank you for your letter of invitation to the LXII COSAC in Helsinki from 1-3 December 2019.

Following the announcement that a General Election will take place in the United Kingdom on 12 December 2019, and that Parliament will therefore dissolve on 6 November, I regret that under parliamentary rules it will not be possible for members of the House of Lords European Union Committee to be represented at the forthcoming COSAC meeting.

I am very disappointed not to be able to attend this meeting, which would have been my first as Chair of the Committee, in particular given the important issues under discussion, including the future UK-EU relationship. This is an important moment in the Brexit process and the evolution of UK-EU relations. While I very much regret that I will be unable to join your deliberations on this occasion, please rest assured of the continued commitment of the House of Lords to interparliamentary cooperation and the work of COSAC, whatever the outcome of the Brexit process.

Committee officials will attend the meeting as observers, and will provide a report back on your discussions for when the UK Parliament, and the Committee, reconvenes after the General Election.

I wish you every success for the conference.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee