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*Dear Chairpersons,*

*On behalf of the European Commission, I am pleased to send you the European Commission's reply to the contribution adopted at the plenary meeting of the Conference for Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC) in Prague, 13-15 November 2022.*

*The Commission appreciates the active engagement of national Parliaments and their suggestions regarding the current challenges the European Union faces. The Commission welcomes in particular COSAC's strong condemnation of Russia's unprecedented, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine and the support for the Commission's endeavours to help Ukraine, including through its work on the recovery package.*

*The Commission shares COSAC's supportive view of the decision of the European Council to grant the status of candidate country to Ukraine and to the Republic of Moldova, and a European perspective to Georgia. The Commission welcomes COSAC's support to the process of EU integration of the Western Balkans and to granting the*

*status of candidate country to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Commission also appreciates COSAC's support to its efforts to ensure strategic autonomy of the EU.*

*The Commission considers the participation of national Parliaments indispensable for the success of the Conference on the Future of Europe. The feedback event organised in Brussels on 2 December 2022, which was also attended by several representatives of national Parliaments, was a great opportunity to demonstrate the follow-up undertaken already on the Conference in a transparent manner vis-à-vis the citizens.*

*The Commission acknowledges that in the context of the COSAC working groups, national Parliaments have been actively reflecting how to reinforce their future role in EU policy-making, and stands ready to strengthen the dialogue with them.*

*I look forward to continuing the fruitful cooperation between the Commission and national Parliaments.*

*Yours faithfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maroš Šefčovič', written in a cursive style.

*Maroš Šefčovič  
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*Annex: Commission reply to the LXVIII COSAC Contribution*