



European Affairs Committee

Ms Maka Botchorishvili
Chair of the Committee on European Integration
Parliament of Georgia

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Dear Colleague,

I would firstly like to thank you for your letter dated 5 January 2021.

In this same letter, you requested us to consider the possibility of extending an invitation to Georgia to participate in the COSAC Chairpersons and COSAC Plenary meeting during the Portuguese Presidency. The Rules of Procedure of COSAC foresee that the Presidency may invite special guests from other national Parliaments, after consulting troika, and that these decisions are to be taken by each Presidency, on a case-by-case basis.

Regarding the COSAC Chairpersons meeting which will take place on Monday, 11 January 2021, via videoconference, and given the preparatory nature of this meeting (Article 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure), we regret to inform you that we are unable to extend an invitation to you.

The Troika has agreed to come back to this issue concerning the COSAC Plenary meeting, due to be held from 30 May to 1 June 2021, together with the requests for attendance from other Parliaments, namely to assess if there is a direct thematic connection between the topics covered in the agenda and the country of the Parliament requesting attendance.

We are confident that other opportunities to build on the constructive cooperation held so far will present themselves on another occasion. Please allow me to express my wishes of good luck and success for the coming year, while looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.



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Sincerely yours,

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