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Dear Excellencies,

The COREPER, on 3 February, adopted a revised Council position on the Conference on the Future, as proposed by the Presidency. Regarding the involvement of representatives of the national Parliaments on the newly established executive board of the Conference, the revised Council position (No. 12) stipulates that this board should be “composed of up to three representatives of the European Parliament, the Council (the rotating Presidency and the two which will follow) and the European Commission on an equal footing, as well as the current and incoming COSAC rotating presidencies, as observers.”.

Representing the current members of national Parliaments at the COSAC Troika, we want to express our expectations concerning the role designated to the national Parliaments and we would like to recall the request lastly mentioned in the letter to the Presidents of the three institutions sent on 2 December 2020, co-signed by 34 chairpersons of EU Affairs committees from 24 Member States, in which national Parliaments have clearly called for their appropriate involvement in the Conference, which was noted by the European Commission and the European Parliament on their replies. In particular, we reiterate the importance of the involvement of national Parliaments in the organisation of the Conference, ideally on an equal footing and with the same number of representatives of the Institutions.



We thus consider that either the COSAC troika or the current and the two incoming COSAC rotating presidencies have to represent national Parliaments at the executive board. Moreover, and bearing in mind the role and participation that national Parliaments are to play during the Conference, as well as their closeness with the European citizens, national Parliaments must have the possibility to actively take part in the discussions within the executive board.

We therefore urgently ask you to work towards an active role of national Parliaments to be enshrined in the Joint Declaration to be adopted by the three institutions.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the members of national Parliaments at the COSAC Troika

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