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Dear President Ferro Rodrigues and Mr Capoulas Santos,

As you know, since the United Kingdom ceased to be a Member State of the European Union on 31 January 2020, the House of Lords European Union Committee has, at the kind invitation of the Presidency, continued to attend interparliamentary meetings, including COSAC Plenary and COSAC Chairpersons.

The Committee remains fully committed to close and cordial dialogue with the 27 EU National Parliaments and with the European Parliament, and I am pleased to see that the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides for a Parliamentary Partnership Assembly. This will provide a forum for Members of the European Parliament and Members of the UK Parliament to exchange views and monitor the work of the Partnership Council.

In order to strengthen relations with the 27 EU National Parliaments the Committee would also welcome the opportunity to continue to attend COSAC and other interparliamentary meetings in an observer capacity. I am therefore writing to request an invitation to attend the COSAC Chairpersons Meeting on Monday 11 January, along with the COSAC Plenary Conference and other interparliamentary meetings hosted by the Portuguese Presidency, in accordance with Rule 3.3 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee