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Dear Mr Capoulas Santos,

I am writing to request an invitation for a representative of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee to attend COSAC LXV on 31 May and 1 June, in accordance with Rule 3.3 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure.

As you are aware, the House of Commons retains its European Scrutiny Committee which continues to monitor EU policy that is of continuing relevance to the UK, as well as the activity of the governance structures of the Withdrawal Agreement and, once they are established, those of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). I refer you to our recent reports on the future operation of the Channel Tunnel link¹ and the Joint Committee Decisions and declarations relating to the Northern Ireland Protocol², as examples of our continuing work.

Following the consent of the European Parliament to the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement today, and with the remaining ratification formalities to be concluded by the end of this week, I believe that now is a good time for us to resume our interparliamentary engagement.

The House of Commons believes in the importance of maintaining good dialogue with other Parliaments, and while the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly foreseen by the TCA will undoubtedly provide an important avenue for relations with the European Parliament, we consider that relations with national Parliaments are no less important, and would welcome the opportunity to join our friends at COSAC on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Sir William Cash MP
Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee

¹ House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Thirty-Sixth Report of Session 2019–21, [Brexit: The future operation of the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link](#) (10 February 2021).

² House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Forty-First Report of Session 2019-21, [Northern Ireland Protocol: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee Decisions and declarations of 17 December 2020](#) (9 April 2021).