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Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to express my gratitude to you and your respective countries for your unwavering support towards Georgia's European integration process. Your cooperation and partnership has been invaluable in terms of further advancing our achievements and pursuing political and economic integration with the European Union.

As the newly elected member of the Georgian Parliament, I will be working closely on EU in multiple capacities – as a Chair of the Committee on European Integration, as well as Head of the EURONEST delegation from Georgia and Head of the Georgian delegation to the EU-Georgian Parliamentary Association Committee (PAC).

With full and effective implementation of the Association Agreement, Georgia has set an ambitious goal of submitting an official application for EU Membership on 2024. In this regard, we would like to utilize all platforms to further develop our relations and add new impetus for our partnership.

Furthermore, COVID-19 pandemic has once again proved the importance of cooperation and mutual assistance. For Georgia, EU has certainly been one of the key contributors in crisis management. On this note, continuous dialogue within parliamentary platforms creates avenues for further cooperation.

Georgia has been an active participant of COSAC meetings in the past. We would strongly appreciate the opportunity to continue engaging in upcoming meetings under your Presidency. We believe inter-parliamentary dialogue is a rewarding experience for mutual understanding between the EU Member States and its Eastern Partners.

With this in mind, I would be grateful for the opportunity to represent my Committee at COSAC Chairperson's Meeting scheduled on January 11, as well as future COSAC plenary meetings planned during the Portuguese EU Presidency in 2021.

Wishing you a successful and fruitful Presidency.

Sincerely,

Chairperson of the Committee Maka Botchorishvili