



European Affairs Committee

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee
House of Lords of the United Kingdom

Lisbon, 7 January 2021

Dear Colleague,

I would firstly like to thank you for your letter dated 29 December 2020.

In this same letter, you requested us to consider the possibility of extending an invitation to the House of Lords 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.

Following consultation with the COSAC troika, we are pleased to inform that you are cordially invited to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, which will take place on Monday, 11 January 2021, via videoconference. The Presidency does welcome that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the EU and UK clarifies the future relationship and acknowledges the mutual interest in fostering interparliamentary cooperation, which justifies this invitation.

Notwithstanding, and considering that time is needed on both sides to contemplate the modalities of such future cooperation at interparliamentary level, further consideration will be given in due course to the request to attend the COSAC Plenary meeting, due to be held from 30 May to 1 June 2021.

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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