

To the attention of:

Dr. Reinhold Lopatka
Chairman of the Permanent EU Subcommittee of the National Council
Mag. Christian Buchmann
Chairman of the EU Committee of the Federal Council
Austrian Parliament
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Subject: Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons in Vienna, 8-9 July 2018

Dear Chairman Lopatka, Dear Chairman Buchmann,

In view of the Agency's cooperation with the incoming Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, we have been made aware of the forthcoming meeting of Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC), which takes place on 08-09 July 2018. It is our firm belief that the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, the EU's independent centre of fundamental rights expertise, could make a meaningful contribution to your discussions at the COSAC meeting at a point that you deem most appropriate.

I am writing to respectfully seek your support in obtaining the agreement of the COSAC Troika to invite the FRA Director, Michael O'Flaherty, to attend the meeting as your guest. I hope that COSAC's rules of procedure would allow for such an arrangement to be made.

Yours sincerely,



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[cc: Gerhard Koller, Head of Division, EU Participation and European Relations, Austrian Parliament]