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Chair of the Standing Sub-Committee on European Union Affairs of the National
Council
Mr Christian Buchmann
Chair of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Federal Council
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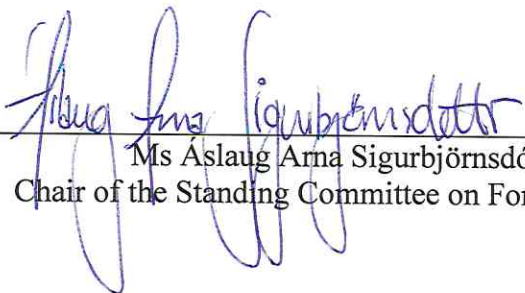
Dear Mr. Lopatka and Mr. Buchmann,

I am addressing you in your capacities as the incoming Chairmen of the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC).

As you may be aware, Iceland was a candidate country for EU membership until 2015 and participated as such in COSAC meetings. Despite no longer being a candidate country, Iceland nevertheless continues to enjoy a close relationship with the EU through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement and various other agreements, and has as such participated in previous COSAC meetings, most recently in Tallinn and Sofia. I wish to emphasise our appreciation for continued cooperation between Iceland and the EU and fully acknowledge what a valuable forum COSAC has been in that regard.

Furthermore, I would like to stress the importance of maintaining a close contact between the National Parliaments of the European Union and the Parliament of Iceland. I am aware that during the Austrian presidency a COSAC chairperson meeting and a COSAC plenary meeting are taking place. I would therefore highly appreciate if you would consider extending an invitation to Iceland to participate in both meetings. I wish you a successful EU Presidency and truly look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Aslaug Arna Sigurbjörnsdóttir
Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs

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