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**To the attention of Presidential Troika of COSAC:
Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on
EU Affairs of the National Council of the Parliament,
The Republic of Austria
Mr. Reinhold Lopatka**

**Chairman of the EU-Committee
of the Federal Council of the Parliament,
The Republic of Austria
Mr. Christian Buchmann**

**Dear Mr. Lopatka,
Dear Mr. Buchmann,**

On behalf of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for European integration let us express the assurances of our highest consideration and address you with regard to the following.

Having concluded the Association Agreement with the EU Ukraine has confirmed its European choice and stepped on the invariable reform path. As stated in the Article 4 of the Agreement the aim of the political dialogue between the Parties is to deepen the political association and increase political and security policy convergence and effectiveness. We consider COSAC format as one of the effective tools to develop political dialogue at the interparliamentary level.

The role of the national parliaments of the Member States has always been decisive when implementing necessary reforms during the pre-accession period. In this context the intensification of bilateral cooperation with the parliaments of the EU Member States, exchange of the relevant experience is of paramount importance for us and in particular the Committee on European integration which plays a crucial role in the legislative support of the pro-European reforms. Involvement in the COSAC activities would provide us additional opportunity to deepen such cooperation with national parliaments.

In this regard we kindly ask you to consider possibility of inviting members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for the upcoming LX COSAC Plenary meeting to be held 18-20 November 2018 in Vienna.

Yours sincerely,

**Deputy Chairperson
of the Committee of
the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
for European integration**

Mariia Ionova