



**To the attention of Mr. Reinhold Lopatka  
Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on EU Affairs of the  
National Council of the Republic of Austria**

**To the attention of Mr. Christian Buchmann  
Chairman of the EU-Committee of the National Council of the  
Republic of Austria**

Dear Mr. Lopatka and Dear Mr. Buchmann,

We are writing to you regarding Kosovo's request to participate as an observer in **the Plenary Meeting of the LX COSAC** which will take place between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, in Vienna.

Considering the fact that Kosovo is not a *candidate country*, but a *potential candidate*, it cannot be granted observer status on the basis of point 3.2 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure.

Nevertheless, according to point 3.3 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure, after consulting the Presidential Troika, the Presidency may invite observers from other national parliaments, special guests or specialists as well.

We are aware of the benefits of an inclusive regional cooperation, and we underline the fact that Romania does not change its position towards the recognition of Kosovo independence.

At the same time, it is necessary that the participation of the members of the Kosovo Assembly at the Vienna meeting be done by respecting the EU-agreed elements, namely inserting the asterisk and the footnote both in the documents of the meeting and in identifying from the participants' table as follows: Kosovo\*, "This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence".

**Yours sincerely,**

  
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The Committee on European Affairs  
Senate, Parliament of Romania

  
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