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Andorra, 1st March 2017

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Hon. Luciano Busuttil
Chairman
Foreign and European Affairs Committee
Parlament Ta'Malta
MALTA

Dear Mr. Busuttil,

As you may be aware, on March 18th 2015, negotiations were officially begun between the European Union and Andorra to reach an Association Agreement (AA).

There are many challenges ahead facing Andorra and the Andorran parliament considers that dialogue as well as an exchange in inter-parliamentary experience with European institutions and their member states could provide knowledge of the different types of internal organization and good practices of national parliaments.

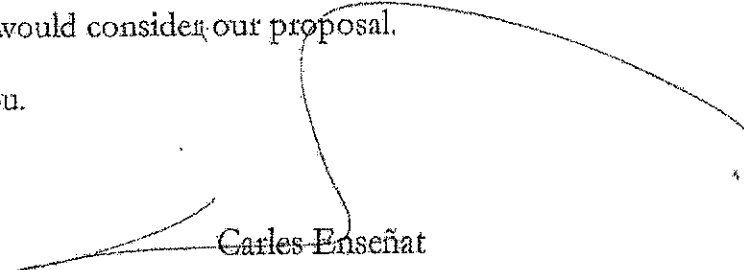
Hence, it would be a great honour for the Andorran parliament to participate, as an observer, with three members of parliament and one staff member, in the forthcoming plenary meeting of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) to be held during the Malta presidency, in the same way that we previously attended the plenary COSAC in Slovakia.

Andorra's participation in the meeting could be a valuable opportunity to strengthen inter-parliamentary relations and to obtain information regarding the role of national parliaments in the EU.

We would be very grateful if you would consider our proposal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,


Carles Enseñat
Chairman
Foreign Affairs Committee



Hon. Luciano Busuttil
Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs
House of Representatives
MALTA

Reykjavík, 9 February 2017

Dear Mr. Busuttil,

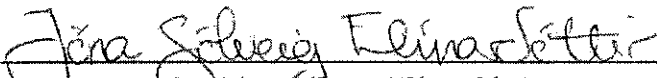
I am addressing you in your capacity as the Chairman of the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC).

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 a number of other agreements. 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 would therefore highly appreciate if you would consider extending an invitation to Iceland to participate in the upcoming COSAC plenary meeting to be held under your chairmanship in Valetta on 28-30 May 2017.

Lastly, I wish you a successful EU Presidency and truly look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms) Jóna Sólveig Elínardóttir
Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs