

Helsinki 1 December 2019

President of the European Commission
Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Parliament
M. David Sassoli

President of the European Council
M. Charles Michel

Dear Mrs. President,
Dear M. President;

Today the COSAC plenary discussed in Helsinki the proposal to establish a Conference on the future of Europe that is to be set up in the coming weeks.

We believe that it is the right time for a Europe-wide debate that focuses on what concrete steps are required to make our Union stronger, more united and even more democratic. The role of national Parliaments within the legislative procedure should be part of the work of the conference.

We strongly believe that, in order to bring Europe closer to our citizens, the composition of this important conference has to be as representative as possible, its workings should be highly transparent, and that it should result in tangible outcomes, which tackle challenges that matter to our electorates.

This is why members of the European Parliament as well as members of national parliaments must be part of this conference, with equal rights, in order to contribute to its democratic legitimacy and success.

We thank you for taking our views on this process into account.

Yours sincerely,



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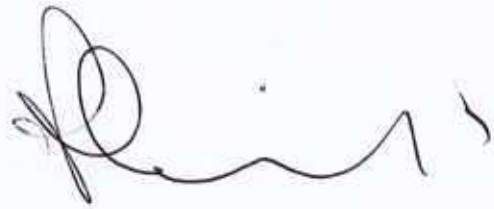
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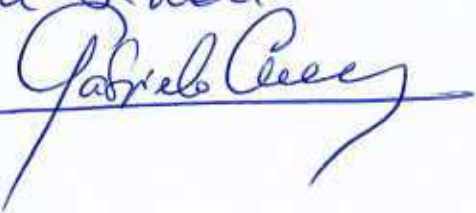
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