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Dear Ms Jerkel,

I write to you as Chair of the House of Lords European Affairs Committee in London. Thanks to the generosity of previous COSAC Presidencies, I and my predecessor have been able to attend COSAC Plenary and COSAC Chairpersons meetings even though the UK is no longer a member of the EU. This has helped to enable the House of Lords and the UK to continue building positive working relations with our European colleagues.

The importance of further developing collaboration between the UK and the EU across a range of policy areas is expected to be highlighted in the conclusions of the UK-EU Summit that will take place in London on 19 May. The UK's continued attendance at EU interparliamentary conferences plays a vital role in supporting this cooperation. I welcome the opportunity to discuss topical issues that are of close interest to the European Affairs Committee in Copenhagen, no doubt including developments in relation to European security policy and cooperation on North Sea renewables.

I am therefore writing to ask you to consider my request for an invitation to attend the COSAC Chairpersons Meeting from 3-4 July 2025, along with the COSAC Plenary from 30 Nov-2 Dec 2025. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to take part in the upcoming discussions in Copenhagen.

I look forward to our cooperation and take this opportunity to wish you every success for the Parliamentary dimension of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Peter Ricketts

Chair of the European Affairs Committee