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Dear Mrs Crețu, dear Mr Tîlvăr,

I regret to inform you that due to unforeseen medical circumstances, I will not be able to travel to Bucharest and participate to the COSAC Chairpersons' meeting. For that reason, allow me to wish you in writing a successful beginning of the Romanian Presidency.

Regarding the Troika meeting, in principle, you have my support for the points mentioned in the agenda. Nevertheless, I would like to make a couple of comments and I would appreciate if they are raised and noted regardless my absence from the Troika meeting.

Concerning the draft programme of the LXI COSAC Plenary meeting, due to be held in 23-25 June, you have our support for the topics chosen, as they clearly reflect the priorities of your Presidency. I would like, however, to indicate the importance of ensuring a balanced number of keynote speakers from Romania, the national parliaments and the European Institutions. This will offer the opportunity for an interesting exchange of views and a fruitful debate. Moreover, the European Parliament would appreciate to have two keynote speakers as it is the usual practise during the Plenary meetings.

Concerning the outline of the 31st Bi-Annual Report of COSAC, I find your proposal interesting and ambitious. It is more political and looking into the future positions and policies. It will be, therefore, interesting to see how Parliaments/Chambers will respond to questions. The COSAC Secretariat will have a major task to formulate the questions appropriately.

Please be reassured that, regardless the absence in political level, officials from the European Parliament will attend both the Troika and the Chairpersons' meeting and will inform myself and my Co-Chair, First Vice-President of the European Parliament Mairead McGuinness, on the discussions and developments.

My best wishes for a successful COSAC meeting, as well as for a constructive Romanian Presidency during these interesting for the European Union, upcoming months of 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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