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Mr. Reinhold LOPATKA  
Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on EU Affairs  
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Dear Mr. Lopatka,

Thank you for your letter from 17 January 2018 in which you raised the topic of the decision of the European Parliament not to participate in the future work of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently” created by the President of the European Commission on 14 November 2017.

As you know, we have not been yet officialy notified by the European Parliament about their decision and their reasons not to take part in the Task Force. Nevertheless, I agree with your proposal that this should be discussed during the Presidential Troika meeting on 21 January 2018 in order for us to exchange views and information on the matter. I suggest we use the time dedicated to the last item in the agenda to debate the issues pertinent to the Task Force and especially the establishment of a COSAC working group. During this time we could also discuss your proposal for a letter addressed to Mr Tajani.

I am confident that we will have a very productive meeting and I look forward to welcoming you in Sofia.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds  
National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

