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Dear Mr Kirkilas,

As Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs at the European Parliament, it is my great pleasure to receive your invitation to attend the 50th Meeting of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (L COSAC) in Vilnius from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

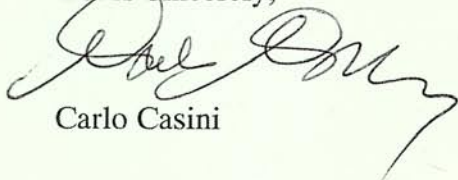
I am extremely honoured to have been given the privileged role as one of the Keynote Speakers for the presentation on the topic of *Democratic Legitimacy in the EU and the Role of EU Parliaments* on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. I have found the programme really attractive and enriched with lots of key speakers.

I would have appreciated to join the meeting, but unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting, due to previous commitments scheduled on the same dates. As mentioned during our last Presidential Troika meeting of COSAC in July, at the end of October the AFCO committee has a Delegation to the US Congress in Washington, which I have to chair.

The EU Democratic legitimacy is one of the main crucial topics of the EU Agenda, even in a perspective of the next European elections next May 2014, for this reason it is my great pleasure to announce that the Former European Parliament President Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering accepted to replace me as a Keynote Speaker in the debate. I strongly believe that it will be a very fruitful and productive meeting.

I look forward to having soon further opportunities to collaborate with you,

Yours Sincerely,



Carlo Casini