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Mr Dominic Hannigan, T.D.
Chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs

Dear Mr Hannigan,

Our colleagues from eleven national parliaments expressed in their letter of 7 December 2012 addressed to Mr Herman Van Rompuy, the President of the European Council, their engagement to stimulate a discussion on how a more integrated financial, budgetary and economic union could be accompanied with strong mechanisms for democratic legitimacy and accountability. In this respect, further involvement of national parliaments in the debate is necessary.

The Committee on EU Affairs of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia discussed the content of the above letter at its 44th session of 14 December 2012. After the debate, the Committee adopted the conclusion, supporting the letter and its message to the President of the European Council and proposing that the Irish Presidency of the COSAC puts the topic on the agenda of its XLIX Plenary Meeting.

I suppose that this matter will already be partly included in the debate and exchange of views with Mr Maroš Šefčovič, the Vice-President and Commissioner for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration, at the COSAC Chairpersons Meeting. However, it could be of great interest to our colleagues if a broader discussion took place at the COSAC Plenary Meeting on how to involve national parliaments more actively in the further strengthening of democratic legitimacy and accountability of the European Union in relation to its future development.

Yours sincerely,

Roman Jakič
Chairman