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Dear Mr Juncker,
Dear Mr Timmermans,

On behalf of the European Affairs Committee of the Dutch House of Representatives, I would like to thank you for the initiative to establish the "Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently", also known as the "Timmermans Taskforce". This Taskforce is a most welcome and useful initiative to enhance the effective implementation of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. Please be assured with the full support of the European Affairs Committee. The Committee emphasises the importance of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

The Committee, hereby, wants to convey its support for the letter which was sent to you on behalf of the Presidential Troika of the national parliaments of the COSAC on December 6, 2017, regarding the establishment of the "Timmermans Taskforce".

The Committee stresses the importance of being involved at an early stage in European decision-making, especially on the important topic of subsidiarity and proportionality. Therefore, the Committee regrets that it received the letter regarding the establishment of the Task Force and its composition at such a late stage. The Committee would certainly have considered its participation in the Taskforce, if it were possible to extend the number of national parliaments' representatives.

The First Vice President Timmermans already referred to this matter in his letter of January 4th, 2018 in which he explained why the Task Force was established on a short notice.



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The Committee welcomes, therefore, the presence of First Vice President Timmermans at the meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons on January 21 and 22, 2018. On behalf of the Committee I look forward to participating in a constructive dialogue with the First Vice President and the other national parliaments and European Parliament delegations on this matter during the COSAC Chairpersons conference.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Malik Azmani', written over a faint blue circular stamp.

Malik Azmani

Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Dutch House of Representatives