

Dear Mr Vanino Chiti,

It is with regret that I received your letter earlier this year, in which you informed us that you would be taking a much-deserved rest after years of public service.

I am personally sorry I will not be able to welcome you at the LIX Plenary COSAC in Sofia. Over the years, you have always been among the most active participants in the Interparliamentary cooperation and you have contributed to many fruitful discussions held at COSAC, in particular during the Italian presidency in 2014.

The challenges the European Union is facing today require from us, as politicians and national representatives, determination and solidarity and you have showed repeatedly that you possess these qualities. I also share your conviction that the contribution of national Parliaments is crucial for the development of our Union and for its deepening integration.

I wish you success in your future endeavours and I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet and work together again.

Yours sincerely,

Kristian Vigenin

Chairman

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