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Dear Chairman, Lieber Manfred,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to you in view of the meeting of the European Council of 19-20 December 2024.

To begin with, and once again, allow us to sincerely congratulate you on the establishment of the Cooperation Platform. This initiative represents a significant step forward in addressing the challenging political climate we face today and in reinforcing the European political system. The platform's coalition agreement, which unites the parliamentary majority, is a step towards a shared commitment to the future of Europe.

In this regard, your support for the important statement on treaty reform, included in the said document, in line with Parliament's proposal of November 2023, has been instrumental to our cause, and we would like to express our gratitude.

Regarding this, we believe it is essential for the new Parliament to remind the European Council of this initiative. This could be achieved through a letter from the EP President and by an inclusion in her address at the upcoming European Council meeting, particularly since this institution, the competent one in accordance with article 48 of the Treaty, has so far refused to take note of Parliament's proposal, let alone include it in its agenda, which raises an issue of inter-institutional cooperation and respect.

Additionally, if the proposed efforts prove inconclusive, we suggest adopting a plenary resolution to reaffirm the call for launching a Convention, to further emphasize the urgency and importance of this matter.

We will be delighted to meet in person to go into further details if you were to be available in the coming weeks.

Finally, please, allow us to respectfully reiterate our request that you, as the Chairman of the EPP, support the recognition of the Spinelli Group (now led by Lukas MANDL MEP) as a formal intergroup. It is very important for our common pan-partisan work across ideological lines in a topic that unites us.

Many thanks in advance and kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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