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Dear Ms. President Roberta Metsola,

Dear Roberta,

We hope this message finds you well,

We are writing to you in view of the meeting of the European Council of 19-20 December. A new institutional cycle has begun, and we are particularly pleased by the spirit of collaboration you have already demonstrated with your esteemed colleagues: Ms. Von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, and Mr. Antonio Costa, President of the European Council.

Despite the fact that the report on “Amendments to the European Treaties”, approved by the EP Plenary on 22 November 2023, has been transmitted to the European Council by the Spanish Presidency of the Council on 18 December of the same year, the European Council has not yet formally ‘taken note’ of it, which poses a problem of institutional cooperation and respect towards Parliament, beyond the substance of the proposal and the political view the said institution would like to take on the matter.

Therefore, please, allow us to respectfully reiterate our request that you liaise with the new European Council President Antonio Costa on the matter before the meeting, and in any event to refer to it during your address to the European Council.

We would also like to emphasise that the urgency of reviewing the functioning of our EU institutions and policy-making instruments has also been highlighted in the Mario Draghi's report on the future of competitiveness in Europe and the call for a united union is very clear in the Enrico Letta's *Much more than a market* report and Sauli Niinistö's *Safer together* report. It is necessary in view of guaranteeing our security, our competitiveness, and to prepare for enlargement. The work done on

this issue by the European Parliament with the drafting and approval of its Report, in continuity with the Conference on the Future of Europe, is the only realistic response to the urgent need for internal reforms. Finally, it is worth noting that the support to reform the Treaties has been included in the Cooperation Platform agreed by three political forces as a condition to elect the new Commission.

In closing, we express our gratitude for your attention and reiterate the trust that we, as federalists and European citizens, place in your leadership. We sincerely believe in your capacity to be at the height of this historic moment. The future of Europe is at stake. We count on your authority to steer the debate on the much-needed internal reforms in view of enlargement and European security and defence in the most effective and, above all, democratic way.

Yours faithfully,

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