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Dear Speakers of Parliament!

The principle of subsidiarity is a crucial corner stone of our common Europe. This means that the European Union has to work on solutions regarding big challenges –such as migration, security and climate change. At the same time, the EU has to take a step back regarding questions where Member States or regions are in a better position to take decisions. If this principle is consistently applied it would allow to bring the European Union closer to its citizens and to improve trust of citizens in the EU.

Within the framework of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Austria wants to seize this occasion and discuss together with representatives from politics, experts and citizens how a common understanding of the term “subsidiarity” can be found and how this principle can be consistently applied.

Therefore, I am pleased to cordially invite you to the conference „Subsidiarity as a building principle of the European Union“ from 15 to 16 November 2018 in Bregenz.

Please find the draft programme and further information attached.

I would be happy to welcome you in Bregenz!

Best wishes

