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Dear Sir,

Upon our return in Brussels, and on behalf of our whole parliamentary delegation, we wish to express our thanks for the great support EUPOL Afghanistan has extended to our mission. It is only thanks to the logistics, security and transportation facilities, including an airplane trip to Mazar-e Sharif graciously provided by EUPOL, that our mission was made possible: as you know, the authorization to undertake it could be granted by our Conference of Presidents only, because you accepted to guarantee its full security.

In your absence from Kabul, your Deputy Head of Mission substituted you in a very forthcoming and efficient way, and he could offer precious insights into the work of EUPOL as well as into the complicated security and defence situation of the country. Under his aegis, the members of your team also facilitated useful meetings with relevant Afghan stakeholders, both in Kabul and Mazar.

Please kindly extend our sincere thanks and regards to Chief Constable Pieter Deelman and to all the EUPOL colleagues who played their part in ensuring the success of our parliamentary mission.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you again in Brussels or Kabul, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

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