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Dear Mr Zaboklicki,

Thank you very much for having sent me a copy of the resolution on European Union Constitutional Treaty adopted on 17 and 18 October 2003 in Klaipeda by the *Union of the Baltic Cities*.

I was very interested to read your views on improving consultation of local and regional authorities. As you know, I am convinced of the need for a more regular, more organised and more policy-gearred dialogue that will genuinely enrich the Commission's proposals. I am pleased to send you the communication that the Commission adopted on 19 December 2003 on such a dialogue.

It proposes to give the regional and local authorities the opportunity of making their views known through their national and European associations during annual hearings to be organised in connection with presentation of the Commission's annual work programme and of the important policy initiatives that have an impact, whether direct or indirect, at regional and local level.

I hope this information will be useful.

Yours sincerely,

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