

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TROIKA OF COSAC
Bled, 6 May 2008

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Mr Anton Kokalj (Državni zbor, Slovenia), Joint Chairman; Mr Vincenc Otoničar (Državni svet, Slovenia), Joint Chairman; Mr Pierre Lequiller (Assemblée National, France); Mr Hubert Haenel (Sénat, France); Mr Vitalino Canas (Assembleia da República, Portugal); Mrs Martine Roure (European Parliament); and Mr Edward McMillan-Scott (European Parliament)

AGENDA

1. Opening of proceedings and adoption of the agenda of the Troika meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda of the XXXIX COSAC
3. 9th Bi-annual Report
4. Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXIX COSAC
5. AOB

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

1. Opening of proceedings and adoption of the agenda of the Troika meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr Anton Kokalj, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the National Assembly, and Mr Vincenc Otoničar, Chairman of the International Relations and European Affairs Commission of the National Council, who welcomed the delegations.

Mr Kokalj introduced the draft agenda of the Troika meeting. The agenda was unanimously adopted as above.

2. Adoption of the agenda of the XXXIX COSAC

Mr Kokalj outlined the agenda of the XXXIX COSAC meeting in Brdo pri Kranju and apprised the members of the Troika of three proposals for broadening the XXXIX COSAC agenda.

In his letter Mr Harm Evert Waalkens, Chairman of the Standing Committee on European Affairs of the Dutch House of Representatives, proposed that a discussion on the future of the interparliamentary cooperation in the light of the Lisbon Treaty be put on the agenda as a separate item.

Mr Kokalj welcomed the initiative and proposed that the discussion should take place in the frame of the presentation of the 9th Bi-annual Report. Members of the Troika agreed with Mr Kokalj's proposal.

The Presidency received a letter from the Mr Matyás Eörsi, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Hungarian National Assembly, who proposed to include within the COSAC agenda a debate regarding the Proposal for Regulation of the European Parliament and

of the Council on establishing the European Electronic Communication Market Authority (COM (2007) 699; 2007/0249/COD), because the competent working body of the Hungarian Parliament detected the infringement of the principles of subsidiary and proportionality.

Mr Kokalj pointed out that the COSAC Chairpersons Meeting had already decided to carry out two subsidiarity tests therefore the Chairman proposed that COSAC should thank the Hungarian colleagues and encourage other parliaments to scrutinize the proposal. Members of the Troika agreed with Mr Kokalj's proposal.

The Presidency also received a letter from Mr Luc Van den Brande, President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR), proposing closer cooperation between the CoR and national parliaments in particular during the early warning phase of the subsidiarity test. Mr Kokalj informed the Troika Members that it was likely that the Troika would be invited to the next CoR Bureau meeting in Brussels on 17 June 2008. Members of the Troika agreed not to put this proposal as a separate point on the agenda of the XXXIX COSAC if the invitation was received, it should be accepted, but cooperation between COSAC and CoR should not be formalised.

The draft agenda of the XXXIX COSAC was adopted unanimously.

3. 9th Bi-annual Report

Mr Kokalj introduced the 9th Bi-annual Report written by the COSAC Secretariat. Members of the Troika expressed their appreciation to the COSAC Secretariat.

4. Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXIX COSAC

Mr Kokalj introduced the draft Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXIX COSAC. The first draft had been sent to the national parliaments in advance and Mr Kokalj thanked them for the submitted amendments which the Presidency had tried to take aboard.

Troika agreed that the substance of the draft Contribution and Conclusions should be discussed at the XXXIX COSAC meeting.

5. AOB

The Presidency received requests from the Norwegian, Ukrainian and Moldovan Parliaments to be invited to the XXXIX COSAC meeting. Mr Kokalj stressed that following the decision of the Troika on 18 February 2008, the Presidency suggests not to invite them to the XXXIX COSAC meeting. Members of the Troika agreed with the Chairman.