

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TROIKA OF COSAC
Athens, Greece, 15 June 2014**

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

CHAIR: Mr Ioannis TRAGAKIS, Deputy Speaker, Chair of the European Affairs Committee, Greek Vouli ton Ellinon.

Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, Deputy Speaker, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Lithuanian Seimas, Mr Paolo TANCREDI, Vice-Chair of the European Union Policy Committee, Italian Camera dei Deputati, Mr Giovanni MAURO, Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Italian Senato della Repubblica; and Mr Carlo CASINI, Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, European Parliament.

AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the agenda of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**
- 2. Approval of the draft programme of the LI COSAC**
- 3. Presentation of the 21st Bi-annual Report**
- 4. Debate on the draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LI COSAC**
- 5. Letters received by the Presidency**
- 6. Any other business**

PROCEEDINGS

1. Adoption of the agenda of the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

The meeting was chaired by Mr Ioannis TRAGAKIS, Deputy Speaker, Chair of the European Affairs Committee, Greek Vouli ton Ellinon, who welcomed the delegations of the Presidential Troika of COSAC (hereinafter referred to as "the Troika"), and in particular Mr Paolo TANCREDI, Vice-Chair of the European Union Policy Committee, Italian Camera dei Deputati and Mr Giovanni MAURO, Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Italian Senato della Repubblica, who were attending the Troika for the first time.

In the absence of any objection, the agenda of the meeting of the Troika was adopted without amendment.

2. Approval of the draft programme of the LI COSAC

Mr TRAGAKIS gave a brief outline of the plenary agenda. In the absence of any objection, the draft programme of the meeting of the LI COSAC was approved without amendment.

3. Presentation of the 21st Bi-annual Report of COSAC

Mr TRAGAKIS invited the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat, Ms Christiana FRYDA, to give a short presentation of the 21st Bi-annual Report of COSAC.

Ms FRYDA presented the report, providing details on its four chapters on 1) the Future of COSAC 2) the cooperation between national Parliaments and the European Parliament, 3) developing the

social dimension of the EMU: the role of Parliaments, and 4) Democratic legitimacy and accountability in the budget process.

4. Debate on the draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LI COSAC

The Chair said that the Presidency had distributed the draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LI COSAC on 2nd June 2014 and that it had received amendments to these from the Polish Sejm, the Romanian *Camera Deputaţilor*, the Lithuanian Seimas, the Hungarian Országgyűlés and the European Parliament. The Chair then invited the Troika to examine the amendments that had already been tabled on each paragraph of the draft texts.

Mr Carlo CASINI, European Parliament, proposed an amendment in paragraph 2 of the Contribution to insert a reference to the Regulation No. 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the citizens' initiative. According to Mr CASINI, it should be the European Parliament's committees and not the European Commission undertaking a debate on the petition submitted and deciding whether to give the right to carry on a petition or not. Mr TRAGAKIS invited Mr CASINI to formulate the wording and table the amendment for discussion.

Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, Deputy Speaker, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs of the Lithuanian Seimas, thanked for including the topic on Ukraine in the meeting's agenda, and presented the Lithuanian Seimas' amendments to the LI COSAC draft Contribution and Conclusions.

The Italian Camera dei Deputati and Senato della Repubblica proposed replacing paragraph 6.2 on migration flows to insert a reference to the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility. The proposed amendment was accepted.

Following a detailed examination of each amendment proposed on each paragraph, the Troika agreed on a text to be presented to the Chairpersons of COSAC the following day.

5. Letters received by the Presidency

Mr TRAGAKIS informed the members of the Troika about the letters that the Presidency had received, mentioning specifically the following:

- A letter from the Deputy Speaker, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs of the Lithuanian Seimas, Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, informing on the conclusions of the meeting of the delegations of the committees on European affairs of the national Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.
- A letter from the Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Slovenian *Državni zbor*, Mr Jožef HORVAT, informing about the first joint meeting of the Committee on EU Affairs on the Slovenian *Državni zbor* and the European Affairs Committee of the Croatian Hrvatski sabor.

6. Any other business

No other business.