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PLENARY MEETING OF THE LVI COSAC

13 – 15 November 2016, Bratislava

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 13 November 2016

14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

16:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

17:00 – 18:30 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

18:30 Departure from the hotels to the Grand Hotel River Park

19:00 **Official dinner** hosted by Mr **Andrej DANKO**, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic *(tbc)*

Venue: Grand Hotel River Park, Dvořákovo nábrežie 6, Bratislava

21:30 Return to the hotels

Monday, 14 November 2016

07:30 Departure from the hotels to the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the meetings of political groups

Meetings of political groups

08:00 – 09:00 Meetings of political groups

Venue: National Council of the Slovak Republic, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava (tbc)



08:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle (other participants)
Registration (for those not yet registered)

09:00 – 9:30

Opening session of the LVI COSAC

Welcome address by Mr **Andrej DANKO**,
Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic (*tbc*)

Introductory remarks by Mr **Ľuboš BLAHA**,
Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council
of the Slovak Republic

Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

Procedural issues of the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency

Presentation of the 26th Bi-annual Report of COSAC

by Ms **Christiana FRYDA**,
Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

Debate

09:30 – 11:00

Session 1: State of Play of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Keynote speaker:

Mr **Robert FICO**,
Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic (*tbc*)

Debate

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:15

Session 2: Strengthening the role of national parliaments in the EU

Keynote speaker:

Mr **Frans TIMMERMANS**,
First Vice-President, European Commission

Panelists:

Ms **Danuta Maria HÜBNER**, Chair of the Committee on
Constitutional Affairs, European Parliament



Member of a national parliament (tbc)
Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

13:15 – 13:30 Family photo

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

15:00 – 16:45 **Session 3:
The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): a trade agreement between the European Union and the United States (and its challenges, opportunities and risks)**

Keynote speakers:

Ms **Susan GEORGE, PhD.**, political and social scientist, activist and writer on global social justice; President of the Transnational Institute

Mr **Ignacio Garcia BERCERO**, EU Chief Negotiator of TTIP; Director, DG Trade of the European Commission

Panelists:

Member of a national parliament (tbc)
Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

16:45 Return to the hotels

COSAC Chairpersons meeting

17:00 – 18:00 **Debate on the Draft Contribution of the LVI COSAC**

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

18:00 Return to the hotels

19:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

20:00 **Official dinner** hosted by Mr **Andrej DANKO**, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic (tbc)

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

22:30 Return to the hotels



Tuesday, 15 November 2016

07:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

08:00 – 09:45 **Session 4:
2016: Energy Union's „year of delivery”**

Keynote speaker:

Mr **Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ**, Vice-President of the European
Commission for Energy Union

Panelists:

Ms **Danielle AUROI**, Chair of the European Affairs Committee,
National Assembly of the French Republic

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

09:45 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 12:00 **Session 5:
Securing the external borders of the EU in the context of
irregular migration**

Keynote speakers:

Mr **Robert KALIŇÁK**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
of Interior of the Slovak Republic *(tbc)*

Mr **Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS**, European Commissioner
for Migration and Home Affairs *(tbc)*

Mr **Fabrice LEGGERI**, European Border and Coast Guard
Agency Executive Director

Panelists:

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

12:00 – 12:30 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions
of the LVI COSAC**

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

*Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1,
Bratislava*

14:00 **Return to the hotels by bus**

Departures of delegations