



# Extra EU Speakers' Conference Stockholm, 11-12 December 2009

## Preparing for the Lisbon Treaty THE CONTINUED PROCESS

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## Preliminary remarks

1. In October, the Speaker of the Swedish Riksdag, Mr Per Westerberg as current Chair of the Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the European Union, initiated an extra EU Speaker's Conference. This initiative gained the required majority.
2. The Conference met in Stockholm on 11-12 December 2009. The Speakers (or their representatives) of 37 chambers from the twenty-seven member states of the European Union, as well as the President of the European Parliament, participated in this Conference. The Speakers of the Parliaments of three candidate countries for membership also attended in the Conference.
3. The topic "*Preparing for the Lisbon Treaty – consequences for national parliaments and for cooperation between the European Parliament and national parliaments*" was introduced by Speaker Westerberg.
4. Following this, discussions took place in an informal atmosphere in three working groups. The working groups were chaired by Mr Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament, Mr Bernard Accoyer, Speaker of the French National Assembly and Mr Francis Delpérée, Member of the Belgian Senate. All three working groups discussed four main topics:
  - *Means and procedures for intensified exchange of information and effective scrutiny of EU matters, especially in the monitoring of the principle of subsidiarity, for example effective use of IPEX and the role of national parliament representatives in Brussels.*
  - *Means and procedures for effective coordination of interparliamentary meetings and other activities.*
  - *The future role and function of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments.*
  - *Monitoring in the area of freedom, security and justice.*
5. The plenary deliberations were open to the public and the press.

## The continued process

1. The consequences for national parliaments and for cooperation between the European Parliament and national parliaments will be explored in an open process of deliberation coordinated by the EUSC Presidency, where all EU parliaments are involved on an equal basis.
2. As a platform for this open process of deliberation, a designated forum on IPEX will be used.
3. If necessary, complementary ad hoc videoconferences and meetings may be convened.
4. The EUSC Presidency will prepare a report on the outcome of the process prior to the EUSC on 14-15 May 2010.
5. Within the framework of the process, the Conference commissioned the EUSC Presidency to draft a response to the letter of 1 December to the Speakers/Presidents of national parliaments from the Commission's President and Vice President.