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## SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

# TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY AND THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

#### 21 February 2014 Athens

The Working Group of the Ad Hoc Review Committee, having convened in the framework of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy on 4-6 September 2013 in Vilnius, examined the proposals to the Rules of Procedure Inter-Parliamentary Conference submitted by the national Parliaments and classified them according to their compliance with the Treaty on European Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Treaty") and the Presidency Conclusions of the Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments, adopted in Warsaw on 20-21 April 2012 (hereinafter referred to as the "Warsaw Conclusions") into the following categories:

Category 1 – proposals compatible with the Treaty and the Warsaw Conclusions.

Category 2 – proposals in contradiction with the Treaty.

**Category 3** – proposals in contradiction with the Warsaw Conclusions.

Category 4 – proposals to be further examined.

Further to this categorisation and following a new procedure of tabling amendments by the National Parliaments, the Greek Presidency has elaborated a synthesis text in order to facilitate the work of the seminar and has renamed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Category as <u>Category 2 – proposals for arrangements not foreseen in the Treaty.</u>

## <u>Category 1 – proposals compatible with the Treaty and the Warsaw Conclusions</u>

Croatia	Amendments to the Preamble - Paragraph 1:	YES	NO	UK agrees
(The Croatian Parliament)	The Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), hereinafter referred to as the "Inter Parliamentary Conference" "COFDAC"	SWE LT	PL/SEJM	to an acronym but not COFDAC
	Reasoning of proposal: The Croatian delegation proposes the replacement of the abbreviation "Inter-Parliamentary Conference" with the abbreviation "COFDAC" throughout the entire text.			
Latvia	Supplementing the Preamble with a new Paragraph 6 (thus		NO	
(Saeima)	deleting Article .) to read as follows:  The Inter-Parliamentary Conference replaces the Conference of Foreign Affairs Committee Chairpersons (COFACC) and the Conference of Defence Affairs Committee Chairpersons (CODACC).		SWE GR	
The United	Amendments to the Article 1, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES		<u>UK</u>
Kingdom (The House of Lords and The House of Commons)	More generally, we would like to emphasise our belief that the purpose of the AHRC and its recommendations should be to provide suggestion on how the effective functioning of the Conference should be improved. In particular, consideration may be given to how the size of the Conference impacts upon debate and the general efficiency of the Conference, and the process by which the formal Conclusion of the conference are formulated and agreed. On the latter point, some of the UK delegates to the Dublin meeting were concerned they were not given sufficient opportunity to consider the draft Conclusion. Finally, the AHRC should not look to expand the remit or role of the Conference beyond the principles and framework agreed by Speakers, which were reached after some difficulty at the EU Speakers' Conferences in Warsaw on 20-21 April 2012 and Brussels in 4-5 April 2011.	SWE		IPC recommen dation to Conference of Speakers

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Belgium	Amendments to the Article 1 – 1.3., reasoning and aim of proposal:		
(House of			
representatives)	1.3 La Conférence interparlementaire, <u>installée à Paphos le 9 septembre</u>		
	2012, remplace la Conférence des présidents de <u>s</u> commissions des affaires		
	étrangères (COFACC) et la Conférence des présidents des commissions de la		
	défense (CODACC). Compte tenu de ces questions traitées par la		
	Conférence, les parlements participants décident librement et de manière		
	autonome de la composition de leur délégation.		
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The	Amendments to the Article $2 - 2.1$ ., reasoning and aim of proposal:	NO	Does not
Netherlands			require
(The House of	For budgetary and practical reasons, the delegations should be	PL/SEJM	amendment
Representatives and The Senate)	restricted to six delegates of each national parliament and to sixteen		
The Senate)	delegates of the European Parliament (at maximum).		
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Belgium	Amendments to the Article $2 - 2.1$ ., reasoning and aim of proposal:		
(House of	2.11, reasoning and ann or proposation		
representatives)	2.1. Membres		
representatives)	2.1. Memores		
	a) La Conférence interparlementaire est composée de délégations des		
	parlements nationaux des États membres de l'UE et du Parlement européen.		
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	Les parlements nationaux sont représentés chacun par six (6) <u>de leurs</u>		
	membres au maximum. Dans le cas d'un parlement national bicaméral, le		
	nombre de membres de ses délégations est attribué en fonction de leur accord		
	interne.		
	b) Le Parlement européen est représenté par seize (16) <u>de ses membres au</u>		
	<u>maximum</u>		
Belgium	Amendments to the Article 2 – 2.2., reasoning and aim of proposal:		
(House of			
representatives)	2.2. Observateurs		
r	a) Les parlements nationaux de chaque État candidat à l'adhésion à l'UE et		
	chaque pays européen membre de l'OTAN, à l'exception de ceux visés à		
	l'article 2.1., peuvent être représentés par une délégation de quatre (4)		
	observateurs chacun au maximum.		

Belgium (House of	Amendments to the Article 2 – 2.4., reasoning and aim of proposal:	:		
representatives)	2.4. Accès du public aux réunions			
	Les réunions de la Conférence interparlementaires sont publiques, sauf			
	décision contraire de la Conférence, prise à la majorité des deux tiers des			
	<u>membres</u> ».			
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Lithuania (Seimas of the Republic of	Proposal to supplement the Rules of Procedure: New proposal 2013-09-04			
Lithuania)	To define the composition and the role of the Presidential Troika of the			
	Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which could consist of the delegations			
	of the national Parliaments of the Presidency, the preceding			
	Presidency, the following Presidency, and the European Parliament.			
Latvia	Amendments to the Article 3.1.:	YES	NO	
(Saeima)	Changes in the order of sentences	-		
		GR	SWE	
	3.1. The Inter-Parliamentary Conference shall convene once every six	BE		
	months in the country of the Presidency Parliament or in the European			
	Parliament in Brussels. Extraordinary meetings shall be held when			
	deemed necessary or urgent. The Presidency Parliament shall decide			
	on the matters. Extraordinary meetings shall be held when deemed			
	necessary or urgent.			
The	Amendments to the Article 3, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	NO	Does not
Netherlands				require
(The House of Representatives and	On a practical level, the communication and cooperation between	SWE	PL/SEJM	amendment
The Senate)	conference delegations can be improved by setting up an e-mail group			
,	list for delegates (i.e. Heads of Delegation) and their clerks, in			
	addition to the network of parliaments' permanent representatives in			
	Brussels.			

The Netherlands	Amendments to the Article 3, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	Does not require
(The House of Representatives and The Senate)	The effectiveness of the conference and the interaction between the delegates can be improved by organising a number of (small group) topical debates, working groups, breakout sessions, presentations, side events et cetera instead of or next to the plenary meeting.	PL/SEJM SWE LT	amendment
The United	Amendments to the Article 3, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	<b>Does not</b>
Kingdom (The House of Lords and The House of Commons)	One change which we would suggest is the use of concurrent "breakout" session, in addition to the plenary sessions, where interested groups could assemble in smaller numbers to address specific issues of a more strategic nature. We know from our informal discussion with you and your colleagues in Paphos that this is something you were already considering and we would certainly like to encourage it.	SWE	require amendment
The United	Amendments to the Article 3, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	<b>Does not</b>
Kingdom (The House of Lords and The House of Commons)	Another improvement would be to shift the balance from lengthy presentation by the speakers to more time for questions and answers, which is the fundamental purpose of the meetings. It is also important to ensure that each chamber present is able to contribute during each debate should they wish.	SWE	require amendment
Belgium	Amendments to the Article	T T	Does not
(House of	3.4. La Présidence veille à ce que chaque délégation ait la possibilité de	<u>e</u>	require
representatives)	s'exprimer si elle le souhaite, la liste des orateurs étant organisée de telle		amendmen
	sorte qu'un orateur par délégation puisse prioritairement prendre la parole.		
The Notherlands	Amendments, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	Does not
Netherlands (The House of Representatives and The Senate)	The Dutch parliament considers the CFSP/CSDP conference to be a formal platform consisting of delegations of the national parliaments in the EU and of the European Parliament. Political groups cannot	SWE BE	require amendment

	have an official status or formal rights in the CFSP/CSDP conference (contrary to the practices in the European Parliament and in certain parliamentary assemblies).		
Belgium (House of representatives)	Amendments to the Article 3 – 3.3., reasoning and aim of proposal:  Option 1: 3.3. Au début de chaque session, le parlement de la Présidence fixe le calendrier pour la session, l'ordre des interventions ainsi que la durée des interventions  Option 2: 3.3. Au début de chaque session, le parlement de la Présidence fixe le calendrier pour la session, l'ordre des interventions ainsi que la durée des interventions, qui peut être limitée par la Présidence.  Option 3: 3.3. Au début de chaque session, le parlement de la Présidence fixe le calendrier pour la session, l'ordre des interventions ainsi que la durée des interventions, qui ne sauraient en aucun cas dépasser trois (3) minutes chacune, sauf autorisation exceptionnelle de la Présidence.		Does not require amendment
Latvia (Saeima)	Amendments to the Article 4.1., b):  (b) A draft agenda shall be communicated to all Parliaments in good time before no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda must be approved by a majority prior to the start of the meeting.	NO SWE UK GR	
Belgium (House of representatives)	Amendments to the Article 4–4.1., reasoning and aim of proposal:  Un ordre du provisoire, rédigé par la Présidence, est communiqué en temps utile avant chaque réunion à tous les parlements, qui peuvent formuler des propositions de modifications ou d'ajouts. L'ordre du jour doit être approuvé par la majorité des membres avant le début de la réunion.		

The Netherlands	Amendments to the Article 4 - 4.2, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	NO	
(The House of Representatives and The Senate)	The continuity of the CFSP/CSDP conference is better served by a good transfer between the consecutive presidencies. It is suggested to publish a (public) transfer report prior to the conference, elaborating on the efforts that have been made by the preceding presidency and on the priorities of the succeeding one.	PL/SEJM	SWE GR	
The	Amendments to the Article 4 - 4.2, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES	NO	
Netherlands (The House of Representatives and The Senate)	The impact of the contributions delivered by the CFSP/CSDP conference towards the European institutions and the High Representative can be increased by better monitoring of the implementation of the conference conclusions and the follow up on the statements and commitments by the High Representative to the conference. These matters can be addressed in the suggested bi-annual 'transfer report'.	UK	SWE	
The	Amendments to the Article 6, reasoning and aim of proposal:	YES		Does not
Netherlands (The House of Representatives and The Senate)	In order to guarantee cost effectiveness and the involvement of all delegations to the conference, no permanent presidency or permanent secretariat or other form of institutionalisation should be established.	SWE		require amendment
Lithuania	Amendments to the Article 7 – 7.2.:	YES	NO	
(Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania)	7.2. Draft conclusions of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference shall be drawn up by the Presidency Parliament in English and French and communicated to the delegations of national Parliaments and the European Parliament during the meeting in a reasonable time before their adoption in good time before the relevant meeting of Inter-Parliamentary Conference for any amendments to be submitted and considered.	UK (+specific time) GR (+ specific time, a week is proposed)	SWE	

### <u>Category 2 – proposals for arrangements not foreseen in the Treaty</u>

Spain (The Cortes	Amendments to the Article 2 – 2.3., a):	NO	
Generales)	The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union shall discuss and set out, in the framework of the Inter-Parliamentary conference, be invited to the meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference to set out the priorities and strategies of the EU in the area of CFSP and CSDP.	SWE GR	
Germany	Amendments to the Article 2 – 2.3., a):	NO	PL/SEJM
(The German Bundestag)	2.3. The High Representative, special guests and specialists a) The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union shall be invited to the meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference to set out the priorities and strategies of the EU in the area of CFSP and CSDP. A written statement should be communicated in advance by the High Representative.	SWE GR	UK:Positive but in a non binding way
Croatia	Amondments to the Autists 2, 2,2 a).	NO	PL/SEJM:
(The Croatian	Amendments to the Article 2 - 2.3.,a):	NO	- PL/SEJM: Positive but
Parliament)	2.3. The High Representative, special guests and specialists a) The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union shall be invited to the meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference to set out the priorities and strategies of the EU in the area of CFSP and CSDP. A written statement or report should be communicated in advance by the High Representative.	SWE GR	in a non binding way
Spain	Supplementing the text with Article 2 - 2.3., b):	NO	PL/SEJM:
(The Cortes Generales)	b) To that effect, the High Representative shall submit to the conference in advance a statement for review. On an annual basis, the High Representative shall prepare a report related to the conclusions and recommendations agreed by the Inter-	SWE GR	Positive but not in advance

	Parliamentary conference. That report may be reviewed every six months.	
Germany (The German Bundestag)	Supplementing the text with the new Article 4. POLITICAL GROUPS:  4. At least six (6) members from at least five (5) different delegations have the right to create a political group.	PL/SEJM SWE GR
Germany (The German	Amendments to the Article 7 – 7.3.:	NO
Bundestag)	7.3. Once the conclusions have been adopted, the Presidency Parliament shall communicate the final texts in English and French, each of these texts being equally authentic, to all delegations, to the Presidents of national Parliaments and the European Parliament, to the Presidents of the European Council and the Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, for their information. The Presidency Parliament shall also communicate the final texts to the High Representative and to the Presidents of the	SWE GR
	information. The Presidency Parliament shall also communicate the final texts to the High Representative and to the Presidents of the Council and the Commission and ask them to deliver an opinion.	

### <u>Category 3 – proposals in contradiction with the Warsaw Conclusions</u>

Germany	Amendments to the Article 2 - 2.1., a), reasoning and aim of	NO
(The German Bundestag)	proposal:  The German delegation proposes that the number of members from each parliament could be based, perhaps proportionally, on the distribution formula used for the Parliamentary Assembly of the	PL/SEJM SWE GR
Germany	Council of Europe. See Annex (page 12).  Amendments to the Article 4 - 4.1., b):	NO
(The German Bundestag)	(b) A draft agenda shall be communicated to all Parliaments no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda must be approved by a majority prior to the start of the meeting. Motions to amend the agenda must be submitted by at least three (3)	SWE UK GR

	members from at least two (2) different delegations and substantiated prior to the adoption of the agenda; decisions on such amendments shall be made by majority.	
Germany (The German Bundestag)	Amendments to the Article 4 – 4.2: 4.2. Other documents Prior to each meeting, delegations may send any documents relating to items of the agenda to the Secretariat of the Presidency Parliament. The Presidency Parliament may also draw up discussion documents for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. Discussion papers may be added at the request of three (3) members, subject to a decision adopted by a simple majority.	PL/SEJM SWE GR
Germany (The German Bundestag)	Amendments to the Article 5, reasoning and aim of proposal:  The German delegation proposes that German is given a status in line with the fact that the IPC is a EU interparliamentary body (Oral Amendment presented 9/11/2012 by the Head of the German delegation)	PL/SEJM SWE GR
Latvia (Saeima)	Amendments to the Article 7.1, reasoning and aim of proposal:  Bearing in mind the best practice used within the framework of COSAC (see the respective Rules of Procedure Article 7.5.), Paragraph 1 of Article 7. "Conclusions" in the current wording of the draft Rules of Procedure shall read as follows:  7.1. The Inter-Parliamentary Conference may by consensus shall seek to adopt by broad consensus non-binding conclusions on CFSP and CSDP matters related to the agenda of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. If this is not possible, contributions shall be adopted with a qualified majority of at least 3/4 of the votes cast. The majority of 3/4 of the votes cast must at the same time constitute at least half of all votes.	PL/SEJM SWE UK GR

Germany (The German	Amendments to the Article 7 – 7.1.:		NO	
Bundestag)	7.1. The Inter-Parliamentary Conference, acting by a three-quarters majority of votes cast, may by consensus adopt non-binding conclusions on CFSP and CSDP matters related to the agenda of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference.		SWE GR	
Germany	Supplementing the text with the new Article 7 - 7.3.:		NO	
(The German Bundestag)	7.3. Voting rights shall be exercised individually.		PL/SEJM SWE GR	
Latvia (Saeima)	Supplementing the Article 7.4, reasoning and aim of proposal:		NO	
(Sacina)	With reference to principles set by the Article 7 of the Second Protocol of the Lisbon Treaty, insert a NEW Paragraph (7.4) to read as follows:		SWE GR	
	7.4. Each delegation shall have two votes. In the case of a bicameral Parliamentary system, each of the two chambers shall have one vote.			
Germany	Amendments to the Article 8 – 8.2.:		NO	
(The German Bundestag)	(2013-08-28 correction of the proposal)		PL/SEJM	
	8.2. Any amendments, which the delegations of national Parliaments, <b>political groups</b> and the European Parliament may propose to the Rules of Procedure, are subject to a decision by consensus and must		SWE GR	
	be in accordance with the framework set by the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments taken by a three-quarters majority. The quorum for these votes is two-thirds of all members.			
	Category 4 – proposals to be furt	ther examin	<u>ed</u>	
Croatia	Supplementing the text with Article 2 - 2.3., b):	YES		Needs
(The Croatian Parliament)	b) The Presidency Parliament may invite, in close cooperation with	SWE		further clarification

	the national Parliaments and the European Parliament, special guests and specialists to address the meetings on matters relating to the agenda of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference			
Belgium (House of representatives)	Amendments to the Article 2 – 2.3., reasoning and aim of proposal Le parlement de la Présidence, en étroite coopération avec les parlement nationaux et le Parlement européen, peut inviter aux réunions des invit spéciaux et des experts pour <u>y exposer leurs points de vue</u> sur les question figurant à l'ordre du jour de la Conférence interparlementaire.	ets és		
Lithuania (Seimas)	The Presidency Parliament, when setting up the draft agenda, should foresee more time for debate in order to ensure that each parliamentary chamber present is able to contribute during each debate should they wish. Article 3.3?			Does not require amendment
Lithuania (Seimas)	To foresee the possibility for political groups organised along the lines of the European political parties, to convene informal meetings prior to meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. Article 3 new paragraph			Does not require amendment
The Netherlands (The House of Representatives and The Senate)	Amendments to the Article 4 - 4.1., reasoning and aim of proposal:  It is recommended that all delegations are consulted about the programme of the next conference before the draft is conveyed. This practice will give all delegations the opportunity to actively suggest agenda topics. It will strengthen the commitment to the conference and will facilitate the preparations as well.	YES UK	PL/SEJM SWE GR	
The United Kingdom (House of Lords, House	Insert after Article 4.2 as article 4.3  The Presidency Parliament shall ensure that all documents pertaining to the IPC meeting for which it is responsible are made			Common Practice

of Commons)	available on the webpage for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, which is on the IPEX website.		
The United Kingdom	Article 7.1	NO	
(House of Lords, House of Commons))	The Inter-Parliamentary Conference may by consensus adopt non-binding conclusions on CFSP and CSDP matters related to the agenda of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. Any individual delegate, group of delegates or parliamentary delegation must have their abstention on any element of the Conclusions recorded if they so request	GR	
The United Kingdom (House of Lords, House of Commons)	New Article after Article 7.2  To enhance the monitoring function of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, any Conclusions which the Conference adopts should include a section noting any significant developments, action or inaction by the EU institutions in relation to the conclusions of the preceding Inter-Parliamentary Conference.		Does not require amendment
Latvia (Saeima)	Supplementing the Rules of Procedure with the new Article 10:  10. ENTRY INTO FORCE  10.1. These Rules of Procedure are drawn up in a single original in English and French, each of these texts being equally authentic, and shall be published in the official languages of the European Union. They shall enter into force on the adoption date.	PL/SEJM SWE GR	Partly agree LT
Cyprus (The House of Representatives)	Amendments, reasoning and aim of proposal:	NO	
	Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of the Conclusions of the inaugural Meeting of the Interparliamentary Conference on the CFSP and CSDP held in Paphos, on 9-10 September 2012, stipulate that:  "7. [The Inter-Parliamentary Conference] is convinced that Parliaments have a crucial role in promoting democratic values and accountable systems of good governance and emphasizes, therefore,	SWE	

the need for an enhanced role of parliaments, particularly in supporting the democratic transitions in its Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood;

- 8. Takes the view that this requires, inter alia, enhanced monitoring of the democratic processes in the Union's Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood and coordination, through joint initiatives and improved exchange of information, as well as parliamentary activities in support to these countries;
- 9. Requests the Presidency to develop proposals to this effect before the next Inter-Parliamentary Conference Meeting;"

In accordance with paragraph 9, the Cyprus House of Representatives suggests that a fact-finding mission be set up by the Inter-Parliamentary Conference to monitor the democratic processes in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Neighbourhood. For this purpose, the mission will pay visits to Arab Spring countries and report its findings to the Conference.

The mission can be composed of up to eight members to be decided upon by the Conference, through an open call. A coordinator can be decided from within the group. The composition can be renewed for each mission.

The duration of the mission's mandate can extend until the next Conference and can be renewed.

The Secretariat can be ensured by the Parliament of which the Coordinator is a Member, acting in cooperation with the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament.

The cost of missions can be covered by participating Parliaments.

### Annex referring to the amendments of Germany on Article 2 - 2.1.

	CoE PA votes	multiplied by 2/3	rounded up; minimum 4
Austria	6	4,00	4,00
Belgium	7	4,67	5,00
Bulgaria	6	4,00	4,00
Croatia	5	3,33	4,00
Cyprus	3	2,00	4,00
Czech Republic	7	4,67	5,00
Denmark	5	3,33	4,00
Estonia	3	2,00	4,00
Finland	5	3,33	4,00
France	18	12,00	12,00
Germany	18	12,00	12,00
Greece	7	4,67	5,00
Hungary	7	4,67	5,00
Ireland	4	2,67	4,00
Italy	18	12,00	12,00
Latvia	3	2,00	4,00
Lithuania	4	2,67	4,00
Luxembourg	3	2,00	4,00
Malta	3	2,00	4,00
Netherlands	7	4,67	5,00
Poland	12	8,00	8,00
Portugal	7	4,67	5,00
Romania	10	6,67	7,00
Slovakia	5	3,33	4,00
Slovenia	3	2,00	4,00
Spain	12	8,00	8,00
Sweden	6	4,00	4,00
United Kingdom	18	12,00	12,00
	212	141,33	161,00
European Parliament	18	12,00	16,00
Total:	230	153,33	177,00