

*COURTESY TRANSLATION*

Athens, 27 February 2014

Dear Colleagues,

It is our belief that during the Inter-parliamentary Conference on Economic Governance of the EU that took place in Brussels, on January 20-22, 2014, the objective of fruitful dialogue and exchange of views on a broad spectrum of critical issues has been achieved. The number of participants from national parliaments and the European Parliament surpassed our initial expectations, proving the vivid interest of the representatives of European citizens on issues directly affecting the daily lives of the latter.

The aforementioned Conference was of special importance, as organised jointly with the European Parliament for the first time, in line with the Conclusions of EU Parliaments' Speakers Conference, held last April in Nicosia, also implementing article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in EMU (TSCG) which provides for the joint organization and promotion of a Conference aiming at the debate upon issues covered by the Treaty.

Following a Greek Presidency's statement during the Brussels Conference, regarding a forthcoming announcement on the Conference Rules of Procedure, we would like to inform you of the following:

The Hellenic Parliament, as already stated in the past, deems necessary the existence of Conference on EU Economic Governance Rules of Procedure, in order to ensure the Conference's smooth operation, tangible agenda, non-circumstantial organisation, as well as the non time-consuming and costly overlap with already existing structures, thus safeguarding its contribution to the cross-institutional dialogue on economic governance.

It is our view that holding a Working Group meeting during the second semester of 2014, shall certainly be helpful in solving practical issues related to the Rules of Procedure, and,

therefore, we support its convention. Unfortunately, time limitation due to the forthcoming European elections does not allow for its realisation during the Greek Presidency semester. Any agreement on the Rules of Procedure shall be reviewed by the Speakers Conference in 2015, as provided for in point 11 of section “Article 13 of TSCG” of the Nicosia Speakers Conference.

Given the circumstances, we deem appropriate to resume the process of amendments or new proposals submission on the Lithuanian Presidency text, as now having more experience and a broader picture of the issues, derived from the different organisations of the two semesters. The Greek Presidency will then draft a provisional Rules of Procedure text, which shall be forwarded to all national Parliaments and the European Parliament, and hand it over to the Italian Presidency so that it will constitute the basis for discussion of the Working Group.

Please find attached herewith Hellenic Parliament proposals on the draft Rules of Procedure of the Lithuanian Presidency. Given the issue’s importance, we wish to encourage the submission of views by all national parliaments and the European Parliament, the latest by **Friday, March 28 2014.**

Sincerely,

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