

Warsaw, 25 March 2014

Dear Mr. Tragakis,

Dear Mr. Dermentzopoulos,

Thank you for your letter on the Rules of Procedure of the new Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union (under Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union). Adopting the Rules of Procedure lays the foundations for effective work of the Conference, so it is very important to continue the debate on this issue.

We treat the amendments you submitted as suggestions of the Greek Parliament. At the same time, we would like to express our gratitude towards the Lithuanian Presidency for its valuable contribution in preparing the draft Rules of Procedure which constitute a solid basis for further considerations.

The delegation of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland proposed amendments to the draft during the first meeting of the Conference in Vilnius. We would like to uphold them, so that they could be considered by the Working Group appointed to work on the Rules of Procedure.

Regarding the amendments proposed by the Greek Parliament, we would like to raise three issues that we deem important at the current stage of the discussion.

First of all, we believe that there is no need to change the name of the Conference, since it was adopted at the meeting in Vilnius. The name "Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union" fully reflects the scope of its work and imposing a new name, as it happened at the meeting in Brussels, is not a good solution.

Second of all, we endorse leaving point 1.2 in the wording proposed by the Lithuanian Presidency (with a possible inclusion of the British amendment), i.e. *the Interparliamentary Conference replaces the meetings of the chairpersons of relevant committees (...) and the European Parliamentary Week (...)*. With regard to the above, we are against introducing the provision under point 3.1 stating that the Conference *shall be held in the framework of the European Parliamentary Week*, which is contrary to the conclusions of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments in Nicosia. The whole idea of the new Conference is about replacing similar meetings held before, including the European Parliamentary Week, and not to be held within its framework, etc.

Third of all, we would like to remind you that in the conclusions of the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments in Nicosia the Speakers decided that *the decision on the composition and size of each delegation rests upon each Parliament* and that *the new mechanism could be built upon the formula of the Conference on CFSP and CSDP*. It means that we either leave point 4.1 in the wording proposed by the Lithuanian Presidency (with an optional inclusion of the Polish amendment), or introduce the 6 + 16 mechanism, agreed upon in Warsaw for the Conference on CFSP and CSDP. In any case, the solution regarding the composition of delegations should be the same both for the Conference meetings held by the Parliament of the Presidency country and for the meetings held in Brussels.

We hope that we will be able to arrive at a compromise on the Rules of Procedure in the shortest possible time, bearing in mind that in 2015 the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments will hold a review of the decisions taken so far on the functioning of the new Conference.

As the representatives of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland participating in the work of the Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union, we declare our full readiness to work on the Rules of Procedure during the Italian Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

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