

PLENARY MEETING OF THE LVIII COSAC

26–28 November 2017, Tallinn

Conclusions of the LVIII COSAC

1. 28th Bi-annual Report of COSAC

- 1.1. COSAC welcomes its 28th Bi-annual Report of COSAC prepared by the COSAC Secretariat and warmly thanks the Secretariat for its excellent work. The Report provides useful information on the future of the European Union and on bringing the EU closer to its citizens. It also explores ways to enhance the Digital Single Market and examines the digitalisation of parliamentary procedures and the Digital Single Market Strategy initiatives.
- 1.2. COSAC, inviting all Parliaments to make the outcome of the COSAC work more visible, encourages all Parliaments to actively share examples of best practices highlighted by the Report within the Parliament and to the wider public if possible.

2. Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

- 2.1. COSAC notes that the term of office of the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat will end on 31 December 2017.
- 2.2. COSAC welcomes the decision taken by the Chairpersons of COSAC held in Tallinn on 26 November to appoint ... as Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat for 2018-2019. COSAC is certain that the newly elected Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat will successfully continue to manage the work of the COSAC Secretariat and contribute to the effective development of the COSAC activities.
- 2.3. COSAC expresses its gratitude to the ... for seconding ... as Permanent Member for 2018-2019.
- 2.4. COSAC warmly thanks Ms Christiana FRYDA, whose term of office as Permanent Member expires on 31 December 2017, for her committed and productive work.
- 2.5. COSAC extends its gratitude to the European Parliament for hosting the COSAC Secretariat in Brussels.

3. COSAC web-page and cooperation with the IPEX platform

- 3.1. COSAC takes note of the letter sent on 24 October 2017 by the Chair of the IPEX Board, as a response to the letter sent on 3 October 2017 by the Estonian Presidency, which proposes interconnecting the COSAC web-page and the IPEX platform. COSAC acknowledges that the IPEX platform is offering the possibility to host information from the COSAC website forthwith and all the information provided by the COSAC website after an in-depth analysis.
- 3.2. COSAC encourages the COSAC Secretariat and the IPEX Board to cooperate towards increasing the interconnection between the COSAC website and the IPEX platform. In this context, starting from January 2018, the COSAC Secretariat should have the readiness to provide information comparative to other EU-level parliamentary conferences to the IPEX website. If IPEX integrates the information on all other EU inter-parliamentary conferences, it should also do so for COSAC meetings. This would create more synergy between two key sources of EU information shared at the parliamentary level.

- 3.3. COSAC invites the IPEX Board to present, in close cooperation with the COSAC Secretariat, to the COSAC Presidency an analysis of the possibilities and technicalities pertaining to the integration of all archives of the COSAC website into the IPEX platform at its earliest convenience.
- 3.4. In parallel, COSAC supports maintaining and further upgrading the existing COSAC website. To this end, COSAC invites the COSAC Secretariat to propose, by 1 November 2018, ways to renew the COSAC website and to create the possibility of creating social media links.