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## Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

13 – 15 November 2016

Bratislava

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Sunday, 13 November 2016

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| <b>14:00 – 19:00</b> | Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels                                                                                                                      |
| <b>16:45</b>         | Departure of the Presidential Troika from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle                                                                                                              |
| <b>17:00 – 18:30</b> | <b>Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC</b><br><i>Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava</i>                                                            |
| <b>18:45</b>         | Departure from the hotels to Grand Hotel River Park                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>19:00</b>         | <b>Official dinner</b> hosted by Mr <b>Andrej DANKO</b> , Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic<br><i>Venue: Grand Hotel River Park, Dvořákovo nábrežie 6, Bratislava</i> |
| <b>21:30</b>         | Return to the hotels                                                                                                                                                                       |



## Monday, 14 November 2016

**7:30** Departure from the hotels to the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the meetings of the political groups

**8:00 – 9:00** **Meetings of the political groups**

*Venue: National Council of the Slovak Republic, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**8:30** Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle (other participants)  
Registration (for those not yet registered)

**9:00 – 9:30** **Opening session of the LVI COSAC**

**Welcome address** by Mr **Andrej DANKO**, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

**Introductory remarks** by Mr **Ľuboš BLAHA**, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

**Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC**

**Procedural issues of the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC**

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency

**Presentation of the 26th Bi-annual Report of COSAC** by Ms **Christiana FRYDA**, Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

**9:30 – 11:00** **SESSION I**

**State of Play of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

**Keynote speaker:**

Mr **Robert FICO**, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic (*tbc*)

**Debate**

**11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30 – 13:15** **SESSION II**

**Strengthening the role of national parliaments in the EU in the context of the referendum on UK membership of the EU**

**Keynote speaker:**

Mr **Frans TIMMERMANS**, First Vice-President of the European Commission

**Panelists:**

Ms **Danuta Maria HÜBNER**, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, European Parliament

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Debate**

**13:15 – 13:30** Family photo

**13:30 – 15:00** Lunch

*Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**15:00 – 16:45** **SESSION III**

**The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): a trade agreement between the European Union and the United States (and its challenges, opportunities and risks)**

**Keynote speakers:**

Mr **Ignacio García BERCERO**, EU Chief Negotiator of TTIP; Director, DG Trade, European Commission

Ms **Susan GEORGE**, political and social scientist, activist and writer on global social justice; President of the Board of the Transnational Institute

**Panelists:**

Mr **Pieter OMTZIGT**, Member of the Committee on European Affairs, Tweede Kamer, the Netherlands

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Member of the European Parliament** (tbc)

**Debate**

**16:45** Return to the hotels

**17:00 – 18:00** **COSAC Chairpersons meeting**

**Debate on the Draft Contribution of the LVI COSAC**

*Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**18:00** Return of the chairpersons to the hotels

**19:00** Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

**20:00** **Official dinner** hosted by Mr **Andrej DANKO**, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

*Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**22:30** Return to the hotels



## Tuesday, 15 November 2016

**7:45** Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

### **8:00 – 9:45** SESSION IV

#### **2016: Energy Union's „year of delivery”**

**Keynote speaker:**

Mr **Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

**Panelists:**

Mr **Jerzy BUZEK**, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Debate**

**9:45 – 10:15** Coffee Break

### **10:15 – 12:00** SESSION V

#### **Securing the external borders of the EU in the context of irregular migration**

**Keynote speakers:**

Mr **Robert KALIŇÁK**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic (tbc)

Mr **Fabrice LEGGERI**, Executive Director of Frontex (European Border and Coast Guard)

**Panelists:**

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Member of a national parliament** (tbc)

**Debate**

**12:00 – 12:30** Adoption of the Contribution of the LVI COSAC

**12:30 – 14:00** Lunch

*Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**14:00** Return to the hotels by bus

Departures of delegations