

Amendments to the draft contribution of the XLVII COSAC
Copenhagen, 22-24 April 2012

Point 6 : add in the title :

6. Proposal for strengthening the political dialogue **between national Parliaments, the European Parliament and** the European Commission

6.1. Add in the paragraph:

COSAC urges the Commission to develop further the existing political dialogue between national Parliaments, **the European Parliament** and the Commission (the rest of the text remains unchanged)

6.1.BIS: Add a new paragraph:

Considers that inter-parliamentary cooperation established by the European Parliament and national Parliaments constitutes one of the essential instruments in the process of democratic scrutiny at European level in the framework of the European Semester, on the basis of experience acquired at the inter-parliamentary meetings in 2011 and 2012, which allowed for the initiation of the development of this cooperation in the field of budgetary, economic and employment policies within the EU.

6.3. Replace at the beginning of the paragraph "COSAC" by:

National Parliaments' Members of the COSAC call on the Commission to give national Parliaments the opportunity.... (the rest of the text remains unchanged)

6.4. Replace at the beginning of the paragraph "COSAC" by:

National Parliaments' Members of the COSAC believe that the opportunity (under the political dialogue) for national Parliaments to feed views into the pre-legislative phase of the EU proposals is particularly important and therefore **invite** the Commission to alert national Parliaments to all public consultations when they are launched and to make public contributions received from national Parliaments regarding consultation documents.

6.5. Replace at the beginning and in the paragraph "COSAC" by:

National Parliaments' Members of the COSAC invite the Commission to make contributions received from national Parliaments public under a specific heading of the Commission website where the results of consultation are summarised. **National Parliaments' Members of the COSAC** also **invite** the Commission to ensure that, where appropriate, national Parliament contributions on consultations are explicitly referred to in the explanatory memorandum accompanying any subsequent Commission proposals. Such reference would highlight the particular value of contributions from national Parliaments within the framework of the political dialogue.