

XL COSAC

PARIS – Palais du Luxembourg

2-4 November 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(As of 21st October 2008)

Sunday, 2 November 2008

- 17.30** Departure from the hotels for the COSAC Troika Meeting
- 18.00** **COSAC Troika Meeting** at the Senate
(Palais du Luxembourg, 15 rue de Vaugirard – Paris 6^e, Salle Médicis)
- 18.40** Bus departures from hotel *Concorde Montparnasse* to the *Institut du Monde Arabe*
- 19.10** Bus departures from hotel *Lutetia* to the *Institut du Monde Arabe*
- From **19.00** Arrival of the participants at the *Institut du Monde Arabe*
(1 rue des Fossés St-Bernard, Paris 5^e)
- Guided tour of the exhibition “*Bonaparte and Egypt*”, organized within the framework of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue
- 20.45** **Welcoming dinner** in the *salle du Haut Conseil* of the *Institut du Monde Arabe* (9th floor), hosted by the Presidents of the European Affairs Committees of the National Assembly and the Senate
- From **22.30** Return to the hotels

Monday, 3 November 2008

- 7.30** Bus departures from hotel *Concorde Montparnasse* (political groups)
- 7.45** Bus departures from hotel *Lutetia* (political groups)
- 8.15** **Meeting of political groups**
- 8.30** Bus departures from the hotels (other participants)
- 9.15** **Welcome speech** by Mr Gérard Larcher, President of the Senate and Mr Bernard Accoyer, President of the National Assembly,
Opening of the XL COSAC Meeting by the Presidents of the European Affairs Committees of the National Assembly and the Senate
Adoption of the agenda of the XL COSAC
- 10.00** **The French Presidency of the European Union**
Mr François Fillon, Prime Minister
Questions and answers
- 11.30** Presentation of the **10th biannual report** and of the **results of the working group** on the cooperation between national parliaments in the application of Protocol 2 on the **principles of subsidiarity and proportionality**
Debate

- 12.30** Group photo
- 13.00** Lunch hosted by Mr Gérard Larcher, President of the Senate, in the *salons de Boffrand* of the Presidency of the Senate
- 14.45** **Energy Security and the European Union**
Mr Claude Mandil, former Executive Director of the International Energy Agency
Debate
- 15.45** **Bringing Europe closer to its citizens. What actions? What role for parliaments?**
Introduction by Mr Pierre Lequiller, President of the European Affairs Committee of the National Assembly
Mr Jean-Pierre Jouyet, Secretary of State for European Affairs
Debate
- 17.00** **Chairpersons' meeting on the elaboration of Conclusions and Contribution of the XL COSAC**
(Bus departs to the hotels for the other participants)
- 20.00** Dinner hosted by Mr Bernard Accoyer, President of the National Assembly, at the *Hôtel de Lassay (128 rue de l'Université, Paris 7^e)*

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

- 8.30** Bus departs from the hotels
- 9.30** **Association of national parliaments to the area of freedom, security and justice, and in particular to the scrutiny of Europol's activities and the evaluation of Eurojust's activities**
Introduction by Mr Hubert Haenel, President of the European Affairs Committee of the Senate
Mr Jacques Barrot, Vice President of the European Commission
Mr Max-Peter Ratzel, Director of Europol
Mr José Luis Lopes da Mota, President of the College of Eurojust
Debate
- 10.45** **Evaluation of the subsidiarity check on the proposal for a directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation**
Debate
- 11.30** **Adoption of the Conclusions and Contribution of the XL COSAC**
- 12.30** Buffet-lunch hosted by the Presidents of the European Affairs Committees of the National Assembly and the Senate, in the *Salle des Conférences* of the *Palais du Luxembourg*