XXXVIII COSAC Estoril Congress Center

14th to 16th of October 2007

Draft Programme

(dated 21st June 2007)

Sunday, 14 October 2007

Arrival of the delegations and registration for the COSAC meeting at the hotels

- **15.00** Sightseeing Tour
- **17.30-19.00 COSAC Troika meeting** (Estoril Congress Centre)
- **18.15** Departure from the hotel to Assembleia da República
- **19.00** Guided tour of the São Bento Palace (Assembleia da República)
- **20.00** Welcoming dinner offered by MP Vitalino Canas, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Assembleia da República (*Salão Nobre e Passos Perdidos,* Assembleia da Republica)
- **22.00** Return to the hotels

Monday, 15 October 2007

- **08.20** Departure from the hotels to the Estoril Congress Centre
- **08.30** Registration for the COSAC meeting (for those who have not registered)
- **08.35** Political Groups Meetings
- 09.15 Opening Session of the XXXVIII COSAC, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, MP Vitalino Canas

Adoption of the Agenda of the XXXVIII COSAC

09.30 Guest speaker: José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission (to be confirmed)

Debate

- **11.00** Coffee break
- 11.15 The Portuguese Presidency and the Future of Europe Guest speaker: José Sócrates, Prime-Minister of the Portuguese Republic (to be confirmed)

Debate

13.00 Buffet-lunch at the Estoril Congress Centre

15.00 Revision of the COSAC Rules of Procedure

- 15.15 Presentation of the 8th Bianual Report

 Overview of the EU scrutiny systems of the National Parliaments of EU 27
 - National parliament's expectations from the IGC
 - Parliamentary monitoring of the Lisbon Strategy
 - The EU Mediterranean Dimension
 - National Parliaments' monitoring of EU Financial programmes: priority setting and allocation of funds
- **16.15** Coffee break
- 16.30 COSAC Secretariat Appointment and co-financing of the Permanent Member for the Period 2008-2010
- **17.00 Debate on Future Topics for COSAC** (Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure)
- **17.45** Return to the hotels for those not attending the meeting of the chairpersons
- 17.45 Meeting of the Chairpersons for the Preparation of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXVIII COSAC
- **19.15** Departure from the hotels
- **19.30** Official dinner at the *Palácio de Queluz*, hosted by H.E. the Speaker of Assembleia da República, MP Jaime Gama
- **21.30** Return to the hotels

Tuesday, 16 October 2007

- **08.45** Departure from the hotels
- 09.00 The EU Mediterranean Dimension Guest Speakers: Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt (to be confirmed); Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain (to be confirmed)
- **11.00** Coffee break
- 11.15 Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXVIII COSAC
- 12.30 End of XXXVIII COSAC
- **13.00** Buffet-Lunch at the Estoril Congress Centre, hosted by the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee, MP Vitalino Canas
- **17.30** Return to the hotels and departure