

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PRESIDENTIAL TROIKA OF COSAC
13 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Present at meeting:

Mr. René van der Linden (Netherlands Presidency), Mrs. Sharon Dijksma (Netherlands Presidency), Mr. Ben Fayot (Luxembourg), Mr Sean Haughey (Ireland).

Mr. René van der Linden was in the chair.

Agenda:

- 1) Opening of meeting
- 2) Adoption of Agenda for the XXXII COSAC (22-23 November 2004)
- 3) Any other business

Item 1: The chairman welcomed the Troika members in the Senate meeting room of the Christian Democratic Group.

Item 2: The chairman presented a draft agenda for agreement.

In agreeing this agenda it was decided to take Mr. Jimmy Hoods request of having the so-called "fast track agreements" put on the agenda of the XXXII COSAC into account by asking the COSAC secretariat to produce a short and more general note on the different (legislative) procedures that are used in the treaties of the European Union. The secretariat was asked to get a reaction from the European Parliament on the note. The chairman underlined that the 2nd biannual report would not be put on the agenda, but sent to the delegates for information. If any delegations wanted to pick up points from the report, it could be done under "Any other business".

It was furthermore agreed that the presidency would circulate a résumé of the "Wim Kok Report" in advance of the COSAC meeting in preparation for the discussion on the Lisbon Strategy.

The Troika members expressed support to a pilot project to examine the compliance of upcoming legislative proposals.

The Troika finally endorsed the draft agenda as annexed.

Item 3: No points were raised.

ANNEX 1: THE AGREED DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE XXXII COSAC:

1) Internal COSAC Affairs

- a) The COSAC language regime

2) The Constitutional Treaty

- a) Subsidiarity test

- possible criteria for the subsidiarity test itself and the way of organising the subsidiarity test in the different national parliaments.
- exchange of information between the national parliaments (COSAC-secretariat or IPEX).
- a pilot project to examine the compliance of an upcoming legislative proposal of the EU with the principle of subsidiarity.

- b) Declaration to “raise national European awareness”.

3) Lisbon Strategy

4) Conclusions