

Conclusion

XXIVth COSAC - Meeting of the Troika 5-6 February 2001

The troika meeting took place on 5-6 February 2001 in Södertälje with the following agenda:

- Preparation for the XXIVth COSAC and the creation of a working group
- Definition of the XXIVth COSAC draft agenda

Mr. Hubert Haenel gave an account of the result of the questionnaire concerning the creation of a working group that was sent out by the Assemblée Nationale and the Sénat before Christmas. Only two answers were negative to the creation of a working group.

The troika then decided to set up a working group, which should deal with issues concerning national parliaments and the European Union. This working group should consist of one member from each chamber in the national parliaments and two members from the European Parliament. It will meet on 9 April 2001 in Stockholm. A questionnaire and a discussion paper will be sent out beforehand in order to prepare the meeting. The result of this meeting will be discussed at the XXIVth COSAC in Stockholm (20-22 May).

The troika also agreed that the XXIVth COSAC will also deal with the Swedish Presidency, a debate that will be opened by the Swedish Prime Minister, Mr. Göran Persson, the enlargement (opening speech by the Swedish minister- of Foreign Affairs- Mrs. Anna Lindh) and the environment (opening speech by Mrs. Margot Wallström, Member of the European Commission with responsibility for environment, and Mr. Kjell Larsson, Minister for the Environment).