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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CONCLUSIONS OF THE LXII COSAC

Original text	Proposed amendments
<p>The 32nd COSAC Bi-annual Report</p> <p>3. COSAC notes that a majority of chambers are in favour of exploring whether in future the COSAC secretariat could be deployed also in support of other recurring inter-parliamentary conferences, subject to a general review of the COSAC secretariat's tasks and resources. COSAC observes that the EU Speakers' Conference in May 2020 is to update the EUSC Guidelines on inter-parliamentary cooperation in the EU. COSAC calls on the relevant presidential Troikas to cooperate in further exploring synergies among the permanent inter-parliamentary conferences.</p>	<p><u>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</u></p> <p>3. COSAC notes that <i>in spite of differences of opinion</i>, a majority of chambers are in favour of exploring whether in future the COSAC secretariat could be deployed also in support of other recurring inter-parliamentary conferences, subject to a general review of the COSAC secretariat's tasks and resources. COSAC observes that the EU Speakers' Conference in May 2020 is to update the EUSC Guidelines on inter-parliamentary cooperation in the EU. COSAC calls on the relevant presidential Troikas to cooperate in further exploring synergies among the permanent inter-parliamentary conferences.</p>
<p>Transparency and parliaments' access to information</p> <p>4. COSAC observes that the issue of transparency and parliaments' access to information, particularly concerning the EU Council and the EU's legislative trilogues, has been raised by individual delegations at successive COSACs, but could not be accommodated in the plenary agenda. COSAC considers that the subject falls within its purview, but that a plenary debate requires a broadly</p>	<p><u>NL - TWEDE KAMER</u></p> <p>Transparency, <i>democratic accountability</i>, and parliaments' access to information</p> <p>4. <i>COSAC welcomes the efforts by the Finnish government in the context of the EU Presidency on the issue of legislative transparency and democratic accountability and calls on future Presidencies to continue this work.</i> COSAC observes that the issue of</p>

<p>shared experience and understanding of the issue and how it should be addressed. COSAC suggests that interested parliaments together with future presidencies-in-office explore further how to frame the issue of transparency and parliaments' access to information in a way that is meaningful for a plurality of parliaments.</p>	<p>transparency, democratic accountability and parliaments' public access to information, particularly concerning the EU Council and the EU's legislative trilogues, has been raised by individual delegations at successive COSACs, but could not be accommodated in the plenary agenda. COSAC considers that the subject falls within its purview, but that a plenary debate requires a broadly shared experience and understanding of the issue and how it should be addressed. COSAC suggests that interested parliaments together with invites the two upcoming future presidencies-in-office to explore, together with interested parliaments, further how to frame and discuss the issue of transparency, democratic accountability and parliaments' public access to information in a way that is meaningful for a plurality of parliaments during the plenary COSACs in 2020.</p> <p><u>NL - EERSTE KAMER</u></p> <p>4. COSAC observes that the issue of transparency and parliaments' access to information, particularly concerning the EU Council and the EU's legislative trilogues, has been raised by individual delegations at successive COSACs, but could not be accommodated in the plenary agenda. COSAC considers that the subject falls within its purview, but that a plenary debate requires a broadly shared experience and understanding of the issue and how it should be addressed. COSAC therefore suggests that interested parliaments together with future presidencies-in-office explore further how to frame the issue of transparency and parliaments' access to information, taking into account that the way the issue of transparency is discussed is in a way that is meaningful for a plurality of parliaments.</p>
<p><u>Reappointment of the Permanent Member of COSAC's secretariat</u></p> <p>6. The LXII COSAC decided to appoint Mr Kenneth CURMI of Malta to a second term as Permanent Member of COSAC's secretariat, for the years 2020 – 2022.</p>	<p><u>SE - RIKSDAGEN</u></p> <p>6. COSAC welcomes the decision taken by the Chairpersons of the The LXII COSAC decided to appoint Mr Kenneth CURMI of Malta to a second term as Permanent Member of COSAC's secretariat, for the years 2020 – 2021 2022.</p>