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Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

1 – 2 February 2015
Riga

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 1 February 2015

14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17:15 Departure from the hotels to the Saeima

17:30 – 18:30 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
Venue: Red Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11

18:40 Departure on foot from the Saeima to the Small Guild

18:40 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Small Guild

19:00 Dinner hosted by **Ms Lolita Čigāne**, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
Venue: Small Guild, Amatu iela 5

21:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 2 February 2015

8:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Saeima

8:30 Coffee and registration for the event (for those not yet registered)
Venue: Grand Vestibule, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11

9:00 – 9:30

OPENING SESSION

Welcome address by **Ms Ināra Mūrniece**, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by **Ms Lolita Čigāne**, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia



9:30 – 10:00 **Adoption of the agenda for the Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**

Procedural and other matters:

- Briefing on the results of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Presentation of the draft programme of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC
- Adoption of the outline of the 23rd Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
- Consideration of letters received by the Presidency

Debate

SESSION I

Priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and Prospects for the European Union After the Election of the New European Commission

10:00 – 11:30

Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Mr Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission for Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, Rule of Law and Charter of Fundamental Rights

Debate

11:30 – 12:00

Family photo

Plenary Chamber

Coffee break

Grand Vestibule

SESSION II

Eastern Partnership and Challenges Ahead

12:00 – 13:30

Mr Urban Ahlin, Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden, *TBC*

Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Mr Ostap Semerak, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on European Integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Debate

13:30 – 13:40

Closing remarks

Ms Lolita Čigāne, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

13:40 – 15:00

Lunch

Cafeteria of the Saeima

15:15

Return to the hotels by bus

Optional – guided tour of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia

Departure of delegations