

CONCLUSIONS OF THE XLIV COSAC

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1. COSAC considers it necessary to have regular debates on the implementation of the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon related to the new powers of national Parliaments.
2. COSAC invites national Parliaments to develop a procedure to determine which EU draft legislative acts should be subject to subsidiarity checks. Referring to the annual Work Programme of the European Commission, the COSAC Presidency is asked to present proposals to have structured debates on this programme.
3. Bearing in mind the Conclusions of the Conference of the Speakers of European Union Parliaments on the use of new technologies in interparliamentary cooperation, COSAC reiterates the importance of using and optimising new technologies in the framework of COSAC and invites the IPEX Board and its Central Support to formulate specific proposals on this issue.
4. COSAC notes a number of proposals by national Parliaments to amend its Rules of Procedure and calls on the incoming Hungarian Presidency to open a debate with a view to formulating specific proposals.
5. Regarding the involvement of specialised committees in COSAC, COSAC refers to its Rules of Procedure, on one hand, and to national Parliaments' autonomous right to decide on the composition of their COSAC delegations, on the other. Hence, COSAC invites national Parliaments to table amendments on its Rules of Procedure.
6. COSAC welcomes the 14th Bi-annual Report prepared by the COSAC Secretariat which it warmly thanks for its excellent work. This report is an important source of information on the EUROPE 2020 Strategy, the parliamentary oversight of CFSP and CSDP and the future role of COSAC.