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## Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC

31 May – 2 June 2015  
Riga

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Sunday, 31 May 2015

14:00 – 19:00	Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels
<b>Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC</b>	
17:40	Departure from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
18:00 – 19:00	Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC <i>Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8</i>
19:20	Departure by bus from the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre to the National Library of Latvia
19:30	Departure by bus from the hotels to the National Library of Latvia
20:00	Dinner hosted by <b>Ms Lolita Čigāne</b> , Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia <i>Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3</i>
22:00	Return to the hotels by bus

#### Monday, 1 June 2015

<b>Meetings of the political groups</b>	
7:40	Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
8:00 – 8:50	Meetings of political groups <i>Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8</i>
8:30	Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
8:30	Coffee and registration for the event (for those not yet registered) <i>Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8</i>

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

### Procedural matters of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC

- Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC
- Presentation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
- Procedural matters

Debate

## SESSION I

### State of Play of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

9:30 – 11:00

**Ms Laimdota Straujuma**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Debate

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break  
*Hall 1*

## SESSION II

### European Union Energy Policy: State of Play, Challenges and Opportunities

11:15 – 12:45

**Mr Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

**Mr Jerzy Buzek**, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament, *TBC*

**Mr Petr Hlobil**, Chair of the *Green 10*

Debate

12:45

Family photo

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch  
*Hall 2*

13:40 – 14:40

## LUNCH SESSION

### Dealing with the Security Concerns in the Middle East and North African Region

*Venue: Hall 2/5; Interpretation provided by: organisers – EN, FR, LV; delegations: IT, DE, ES*

Moderator: **Mr Atis Lejiņš**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, founder and former Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Speakers:

- **Ms Mansouria Mokhefi**, Special advisor for the Middle East and the Maghreb at the French Institute for Foreign Affairs *IFRI*
- **Mr Charles Lister**, Visiting Fellow of the *Brookings Doha Center*, *TBC*



15:00 – 17:00

### SESSION III

#### EU Trade Policy for the Next Five Years: Focus on the EU-US TTIP negotiations

*Ms Cecilia Malmström*, European Commissioner for Trade

*Ms Elena Bryan*, Senior Trade Representative, United States Mission to the EU, **TBC**

Debate

17:00

End of first day

Return to the hotels by bus

17:10 – 18:00

#### Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

Consideration of the draft Contributions of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC

18:10

Return to the hotels by bus

19:30

Departure by bus from the hotels to the Residence of the Saeima Presidium

20:00

Dinner hosted by *Ms Ināra Mūrniece*, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

*Venue: Residence of the Saeima Presidium, Jūrmala*

22:30

Return to the hotels by bus

## Tuesday, 2 June 2015

7:45

Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

8:30 – 9:30

### INFORMAL MORNING SESSION

*Current challenges of the Proposal for a Directive on the use of Passenger Name Record data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime*

*Venue: Hall 1; Interpretation provided by: organisers – EN, FR, LV; delegations: IT, DE, ES*

Moderator: *Mr/Ms TBC*

Speakers:

– *Cayetana Álvarez de Toledo*, Member of the Congress of Deputies of Spain **TBC**

– *Mr/Ms TBC*, Representative from the European Parliament **TBC**

### SESSION IV

#### Future of the Parliamentary Scrutiny of the European Union Affairs

9:30 – 10:30

#### 1. National Parliaments' Involvement in EU Decision-Making: State of Play and Overview of Existing Instruments

*Mr Herman De Croo*, Member of the Flemish Parliament

*Mr Gunther Krichbaum*, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the German Bundestag

Debate



10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>2. Green Card: Towards an Enhanced Political Dialogue</b></p> <p><i>Mr Dominic Hannigan</i>, Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs of the Houses of the Oireachtas, <b>TBC</b></p> <p><i>Mr/Ms TBC</i></p> <p>Debate</p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>Coffee break</p> <p><i>Hall 1</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p><b>3. The European Commission's Multiannual Work Programme and the Role of Parliaments</b></p> <p><i>Ms Maria João Rodrigues</i>, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament, <b>TBC</b></p> <p><i>Ms Danielle Auroi</i>, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly</p> <p>Debate</p>
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Adoption of the Contributions of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC</b>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Hall 2</i></p>
15:00	End of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC
15:15	<p><b>Return to the hotels by bus</b></p> <p>Optional – guided tour in the Old Town of Riga</p> <p><b>Departure of delegations</b></p>