SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA AND THE SEJM OF POLAND

BIRŠTONAS

13 SEPTEMBER 2005

DECISION REGARDING UKRAINE

- 1. We hereby decide to write a letter to the chairpersons of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Commons and the House of Lords of the United Kingdom currently holding the Presidency of the EU and to inform them about the meeting of the representatives of Committees on European Affairs of the parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Sejm of Poland held on 13 September 2005 in Birštonas (Lithuania) and ask the Presidency to invite the delegation of the Committee on European Integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the XXXIV COSAC meeting to be held on 9-11 October 2005 in London, so it could present information about the political situation in Ukraine and European integration aspirations of Ukraine.
- 2. The representatives of the four Committees on European Affairs expressed the opinion that COSAC as representation of the national parliaments of the European Union Member States and the European Parliament should send a clear signal to the authorities and citizens of Ukraine that democratization and implementation of market reforms in Ukraine should be continued and it will be welcomed and supported, in the view of tightening relations between the European Union and Ukraine, including possible Ukraine's future membership.
- The participants of the meeting decided to inform the Committee on European Integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine about the above decisions of the Birštonas meeting.