

# Meeting of Presidents of Parliaments of Visegrad Group in Prague

## MEMORANDUM

*“Representatives of National Parliaments of Visegrad Group countries met in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in Prague in order to exchange opinions on the new role of National Parliaments after implementation of Lisbon Treaty.*

*In the course of the meeting the participants thoroughly analysed the implications of Lisbon Treaty on activities of legislative bodies and what requirements does it have with respect to co-operation of National Parliaments. The participants also discussed how to reflect the new role of National Parliaments into everyday work in the most efficient, effective and beneficial manner.*

*The tools included in Lisbon Treaty can be used effectively only if the National Parliaments adjust their internal procedures. However, the internal procedures shall remain an individual matter of each EU legislative body in line with traditions of individual National Parliaments.*

*The participants of the meeting also arrived to a conclusion that discussion about the forms of mutual co-operation between the National Parliaments, exchange of information about individual standpoints and other issues shall continue. Furthermore, it is necessary to search for an answer to the question whether agreement on exchange of information or reporting the conclusions of National Parliaments to the respective bodies of European*

*Union, but also between the National Parliaments in real time is suitable or not.*

*An early enough exchange of information on pre-selection of legislative drafts announced by the European Commission is indispensable for marking out the documents that seem doubtful from the point of view of the subsidiarity principle.*

*Members of the Visegrad four shall continue to analyse the new position of National Parliaments after implementation of Lisbon Treaty and will mutually exchange results of their analysis.*

*The participants of the meeting find it meaningful that the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic shall inform the Presidents of National Parliaments about the activities discussed at and recommended by the Visegrad group meetings in course of Czech Presidency of the European Union within the framework of the three presiding countries – France, Czech Republic and Sweden and hereby recommend to follow this goal following mutual consultations.*

*Furthermore, the participants of the meeting find it useful that the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic shall invite the Presidents of National Parliaments to discuss the issues of mutual co-operation to a joint colloquium that would take place in course of Czech EU Presidency if need be and with necessary consent and support.“*