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## **Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**

1 – 2 February 2015 Riga

#### DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Sunday, 1 February 2015

LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS

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 <i>Ms Lolita Čigāne</i> , Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia <i>Venue: Small Guild, Amatu iela 5</i>
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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of 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**

#### 12:00 - 13:30

#### **Eastern Partnership and Challenges Ahead**

Mr Urban Ahlin, Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden

Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister for 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** 

