

## Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC The Hague, 7 and 8 February 2016

### Draft programme

#### **Sunday, 7 February 2016**

14.00 – 19.00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

#### **Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

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**17.30 Departure from the hotels**

**18.00 – 19.00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
House of Representatives  
(Binnenhof 1A, The Hague)**

**19.00 – 19.15 Tour of the House of Representatives**

**19.15 Departure for dinner**

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19.00 Departure by bus from the hotels

19.30 Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani and the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga  
Speech by Mr Azmani and Mr Elzinga  
Venue: Mauritshuis/De Witte  
(Plein 29, The Hague)

Around 22.30 Return to the hotels by bus

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### Monday, 8 February 2016

07.45 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11, The Hague)

#### 8.30 – 9.00 **Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address by the President of the Senate, Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol

Introductory remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani

Adoption of the Agenda

#### 09.00 – 10.30 **Organisation and co-operation of parliamentary scrutiny on the basis of a case study focussing on Europol** **Key question: How do parliaments scrutinize documents and decisions in practice? How do European Affairs committees and standing committees exchange and cooperate? How are contacts with the European Parliament organised?**

Introduction by moderator: Mr Tom de Bruijn, former Ambassador of the Netherlands to the European Union from 2003 to 2011

Contribution of two representatives of national Parliaments, questioned by the moderator

Debate moderated by the moderator

#### 10.30 – 11.00 **Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Draft agenda of the LV COSAC
- Outline of the 25th Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency

Debate

11.00 Family Photo

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee Break

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### 11.45 – 13.00 **European priorities for 2016 and beyond**

*Two short introductions will be followed by a plenary debate, as a contribution to the 2016 parliamentary priorities which are gathered and sent to European Commission.*

Key focus of the 2016 European Commission work programme

Speaker: European Commission Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, Ms Kristalina Georgieva

The Dutch 2016 EU Presidency

Speaker: Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Bert Koenders

Questions and debate

13.00 – 13.15 **Closing remarks** by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga

13.15 – 14.45 Lunch at the Hall of Knights

14.45 Return to the hotels by bus and departure of delegations