

Conclusions on IPEX

- (1) The Secretaries General take note of the annual report on the current status of IPEX and thank the Board for its work in 2012.
- (2) The Secretaries General agree about the composition of the IPEX Board during the Lithuanian Presidency of EUSC (2013/2014):
 - The national Parliaments hosting the previous, current and upcoming Conference of Speakers of European Union Parliaments (Cyprus, House of Representatives; Lithuania, Seimas; Italy, Chamber of Deputies and Senate)
 - Belgium, Chamber of Deputies and Senate
 - Denmark
 - Germany, German Bundestag (Chair)
 - France, National Assembly and Senate
 - Poland, Sejm and Senate
 - Portugal
 - Romania, Chamber of Deputies and Senate
 - United Kingdom, House of Commons
 - The European Parliament

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According to the IPEX Guidelines, COSAC, the ECPRD, the European Commission and the Council participate in and contribute to Board meetings.

- (3) The Secretaries General take note of the conclusion of COSAC referring to IPEX expressed in their 16th, 17th and 18th Bi-annual reports and the resolution of the European Parliament on "the 18th report of the Commission on better legislation – Application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality."
- (4) The Secretaries General reiterate their determination to further develop IPEX as a reliable tool for the exchange of EU information and documents. The Secretaries General agree to strengthen, in this context, the role of the IPEX national Correspondents encouraging them to perform the tasks described in the attached paper "Description of tasks and duties of the IPEX national Correspondent".
- (5) The Secretaries General recognise the steps taken in order to achieve a uniform application of metadata and symbols to each dossier, to publish important decisions of national Parliaments in English and/or French and to use XML for the automatic transfer of documents and information to the IPEX database.
- (6) The Secretaries General welcome the success of posting news about important European issues debated in National parliaments on the IPEX homepage. They encourage the use of the forums in IPEX in order to share information and discuss important documents, decisions and topics of mutual interest.

- (7) The Secretaries General welcome the findings of the feasibility study carried out by the IPEX Board regarding the ability of IPEX to host the websites of EU Inter-parliamentary Conferences. The Secretaries General invite the Speakers to take this offer into consideration.

- (8) The Secretaries General take note that – in accordance to the conclusions of the EUSC in Warsaw, on 20-22 April 2012 - the IPEX Central Support participated in international meetings on open standards for documents and data. They welcome the decision of the IPEX Board to participate in the Working Group on Open Document Standards established under the framework of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament, provided that no cost for IPEX is involved.

- (9) The Secretaries General ask the Speakers to address to the European Commission the interest of the national Parliaments to make the complete range of its COM documents available to them via IPEX.