

## 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 2013.
- (2) The Secretaries General agree about the composition of the IPEX Board during the Italian Presidency of the EUSC (2014/2015):
  - The national Parliaments hosting the previous, current and upcoming Conference of Speakers of European Union Parliaments:  
Lithuania, Seimas – Chair of the IPEX Board  
Italy, Chamber of Deputies and Senate  
Luxemburg, Chamber of Deputies
  - Austria, National Council and Federal Council
  - Belgium, Chamber of Deputies and Senate
  - Denmark
  - France, National Assembly and Senate
  - Germany, German Bundestag
  - Greece
  - Poland, Sejm and Senate
  - Portugal
  - Romania, Chamber of Deputies and Senate
  - United Kingdom, House of Commons
  - The European Parliament

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 20th Bi-annual report of COSAC in which the positive effectiveness of IPEX is expressed.
- (4) The Secretaries General acknowledge the decision of the Commission to transmit to the national Parliaments, the European Parliament and IPEX documents the Commission formerly transmitted only to the Council.
- (5) The Secretaries General welcome the setting up, on the EU Speakers page, of new subpages dedicated to the new interparliamentary conferences. They acknowledge with satisfaction the willingness of the national Parliaments chairing those conferences to exchange relevant information and documents via IPEX.
- (6) The Secretaries General recognise the efforts of the IPEX bodies together with the IPEX Correspondents to promote the correct use of the symbols and to encourage the correct upload of relevant documents in order to make IPEX a reliable tool for interparliamentary cooperation and exchange and an important source of information for the European citizens and academic circles.

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- (7) In this respect the Secretaries General commend the activities of the Partnership Project Groups and encourage them to pursue these activities further.
- (8) The Secretaries General, being aware that the co-financing costs of the IPEX Information Officer should be shared equally amongst all participating Parliaments, entrust the IPEX Board with the preparation of the hiring procedure of the IPEX Information Officer for the 2015 – 2016 period. On performing this duty, the Chair of the IPEX Board shall inform the Secretaries General in order to get their approval for the identified legal and functional framework for the hiring and daily administration of the IPEX Information Officer.
- (9) The Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments, having regard to the need to improve IPEX in order to meet the current expectations of the European Union Parliaments, welcome the initiative of the Danish Folketing to update the IPEX Guidelines and ask the IPEX Board to prepare draft amendments to the IPEX Guidelines with a view to their adoption at the meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments under the Italian Presidency at the beginning of 2015.