



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TROIKA OF COSAC

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 27 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

CHAIR: Mr Zoltán TESSELY, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Hungarian *Országgyűlés*;

Mr Péter BALASSA, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Hungarian *Országgyűlés*

Mr Peter DE ROOVER, Speaker of the Belgian *Kamer van Volksvertegenwoordigers/Chambre des représentants* and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European affairs;

Mr Vincent BLONDEL, Member of the Belgian *Senaat/Sénat* and Member of the Federal Advisory Committee on European affairs;

Mr Marek KRZAKAŁA, Deputy Chair of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Polish *Sejm*;

Mr Patryk GABRIEL, Member of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Polish *Sejm*;

Mr Henryk SIEDLACZEK, Vice Chair of the Committee on European Union Affairs of the Polish *Senat*;

Mr Esteban GONZÁLEZ PONS, Vice-President for the Relations with national Parliaments of the European Parliament;

Mr Sven SIMON, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament.

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr TESSELY welcomed the delegations of the Presidential Troika of COSAC (hereinafter referred to as "the Troika"). He introduced the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on European



Affairs, Mr BALASSA. Mr TESSELY noted, that English, French and upon special request Polish interpretation is provided during the Meeting of the Presidential Troika. The Speaker of the Belgian *Kamer van volksvertegenwoordigers/Chambre des représentants* Mr DE ROOVER, EP Vice-President GONZÁLEZ PONS and Deputy Chair KRZĄKAŁA both said a word of greetings.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TROIKA OF COSAC

Mr TESSELY introduced the [agenda of the Troika Meeting](#), which had been previously circulated to all delegations, and was adopted without amendments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE LXXII COSAC

Mr TESSELY highlighted the main points of the [agenda of the LXXII plenary meeting of COSAC](#). He added that the meeting will officially be opened by the Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly, Mr László KÖVÉR. The first session on the results of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council will be presented by Mr János BÓKA, Minister for European Union Affairs of Hungary. Mr TESSELY revealed that there were over 50 requests for the floor, so the length of interventions should not exceed 90 seconds. He underlined that the Presidency would make sure that one Member per Chamber would have the possibility to speak, but that there would be no requests for the floor accepted on the spot due to the high number of preliminary requests. He further explained, that during session II (The state of the European Union in the year of institutional transition and the 15-year application of the Treaty of Lisbon) participants would see a video message from Commission Executive Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, followed by keynote speeches from the representative of the Hungarian Government, Mr SIMON, and Mr Alessandro GIGLIO VIGNA, Chairman of the EU Policies Committee of the Italian *Camera dei Deputati*. Mr TESSELY explained that on request of the Polish delegation the formal handover of the Presidency of COSAC will commence on Monday, 28 October at the end of Session II. He referred to the COSAC Chairpersons' Meetings to be held on Monday from 16:45, where the aim would be to adopt the final documents of the LXXII COSAC. The Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs then walked Troika participants



through Tuesday's agenda and introduced the speakers: Ms Zsófia KONCZ, State Secretary of the Ministry of Culture and Innovation of Hungary (Session III.), Mr GONZÁLEZ PONS and Mr Péter SZTÁRAY, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (Session IV.).

4. PRESENTATION OF THE 42ND BI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COSAC

Mr TESSELY briefly presented the [42nd Bi-annual Report](#) (hereinafter referred to as BAR) of COSAC. He also added that the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat would present the BAR at the beginning of Session II. to the plenary. Mr DE ROOVER appreciated the fact, that the 42nd BAR included questions on the parliaments' role in hearing the Commissioners-designate, which helped accelerate internal processes in the Belgian *Kamer van volksvertegenwoordigers/Chambre des représentants*.

5. DRAFT CONTRIBUTION AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE LXXII COSAC

Mr TESSELY reminded the Troika that delegations had received the English language versions of the draft conclusions and draft contribution of the LXXII COSAC on 15 October 2024. Possible amendments could be submitted until the 21st of October 2024. Seventeen Member States and the European Parliament did so as far as the contribution was concerned. Mr TESSELY noted that there were no amendments whatsoever regarding the conclusions. The Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat circulated all amendments on the draft contribution to delegations on the 23rd October 2024. A two-column document was sent to Troika-members the following day encompassing those amendments, which – in the view of the Hungarian Presidency – may enjoy consensus. Mr TESSELY added that these proposals were also based on European Council conclusions. Most amendments touched upon the topic of Ukraine, the Middle-East and the role of national Parliaments in the EU. The primary draft of the contribution counted 46 paragraphs, whereas the Presidency proposal submitted to Troika had 61. Mr TESSELY explained that the overall goal was to avoid loosening the text, so the Presidency put special emphasis on synonymous amendments, and that many amendments were integrated not by word, but by essence. After making general observations, Chairman TESSELY walked through delegations on the Presidency proposal, and highlighted



which of the amendments were taken on board and how. Mr TESSELY concluded that the Presidency would produce the Troika compromise text based on the discussions during the Troika Meeting.

Further amendments were proposed by the Co-Chair of the EP's COSAC-delegation, Mr SIMON regarding the use of regulations vs. directives by the European Commission (par. 11), on crisis prevention (par. 12.), on the conclusion of the war in the Ukraine based on the Ukrainian peace-plan (par 17.), on the external dimension of migration (par. 26. and 28.). Mr DE ROOVER suggested mentioning the green card initiative (par. 11.), extending the scope of the chapter on Ukraine to Moldova and Georgia (par. 16.), and adding a reference to the use of frozen Russian assets with regards to the financial support to Ukraine (par. 19.). Mr BLONDEL proposed amendments to paragraph 26. on addressing migration challenges, on par. 34 to accentuate the rule of law aspect of enlargement and to par. 39. on the future membership perspective of Ukraine.

6. LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENCY

Mr TESSELY informed Troika members, that Andorra, Armenia, Kosovo¹, Monaco, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom would be participating in the LXXII COSAC as observers. He added, that Iceland would not be present despite their initial request due to internal political reasons. He noted that regarding Ukraine the same process was used as introduced by previous presidencies: nominal invitation letters were sent to each member of the Ukrainian delegation, and all travel- and accommodation costs were covered. Mr TESSELY also referred to the letter by the Lithuanian *Seimas* regarding the ban on the LNG-import from Russia, and the protection of the EU's external borders.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further points were raised.

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on Kosovo Declaration of Independence.