

XL. COSAC

PARIS – Palais du Luxembourg

2-4 November 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(As of 15th July 2008)

Sunday, 2 November 2008

- 18.00** COSAC Troika Meeting
- 18.30** Transfer by bus from the hotel to the *Institut du Monde Arabe*
- 19.00** Arrival of the participants at the *Institut du Monde Arabe*
- Guided tour of the exhibition “*Bonaparte and Egypt*”, organized within the framework of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue
- 20.30** Welcoming dinner

Monday, 3 November 2008

- 8.45** Meeting of political groups
- 9.30** Opening speech by the President of the French Senate
- 10.00** **The French Presidency of the European Union**
Mr François Fillon, Prime Minister
Debate
- 11.30** Presentation of the **10th biannual report** and of the **results of the working group** on the cooperation between national parliaments in the application of Protocol 2 on the **principles of subsidiarity and proportionality**
Debate
- 13.00** Lunch
- 14.45** **Energy Security and the European Union**
Mr Claude Mandil, former Executive Director of the International Energy Agency
Debate

- 15.45** **Bringing Europe closer to its citizens. What actions? What role for parliaments?**
Mr Jean-Pierre Jouyet, Secretary of State for European Affairs
Debate
- 17.00** **Chairpersons' meeting on the elaboration of Conclusions and Contribution of the XL COSAC**
- 20.00** Dinner at the *Hôtel de Lassay* (National Assembly)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

- 9.30** **Association of national parliaments to the area of freedom, security and justice, and in particular to the scrutiny of Europol's activities and the evaluation of Eurojust's activities**
Mr Hubert Haenel, President of the delegation for the European Union of the French Senate
Mr Max-Peter Ratzel, Director of Europol (*to be confirmed*)
Mr José Luis Lopez da Mota, President of the College of Eurojust (*to be confirmed*)
Mr Jacques Barrot, Vice President of the European Commission
- 10.45** **Evaluation of the subsidiarity check on the proposal for a directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation**
- 11.30** **Adoption of the Conclusions and Contribution of the XL COSAC**
- 12.30** Buffet-Lunch