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**INFORME SOBRE LA REUNIÓN DE PRESIDENTES DE LA
COSAC CELEBRADA EN DUBLÍN LOS DÍAS 27 Y 28 DE ENERO DE 2013**

El 27 de enero de 2013 se desplazó a Dublín, con motivo de la celebración de la reunión de Presidentes de la COSAC, una delegación de las Cortes Generales compuesta por:

- D. Rubén Moreno Palanques, Portavoz del Grupo Parlamentario Popular de la Comisión Mixta para la Unión Europea;
- D. Ramón Ortiz Molina, Portavoz Adjunto del Grupo Parlamentario Socialista de la Comisión Mixta para la Unión Europea;
- Acompañados por el Letrado de la citada Comisión, D. Manuel Delgado-Iribarren García-Campero.

El domingo 27 de enero la delegación mantuvo una reunión, seguida de almuerzo, con el Embajador de España en Irlanda, D. Javier Garrigues Flórez, y los Consejeros de la Embajada.

Por la tarde, los miembros de la delegación asistieron a la recepción y cena ofrecida por el Parlamento anfitrión.

A las 9,00 horas se inició la reunión con los asistentes y el Orden del Día que se acompaña como documentos 1 y 2.

• **ACUERDO SOBRE EL ORDEN DEL DÍA**

El Presidente organizador, Sr. Hannigan, dio la bienvenida a los asistentes y, tras la emisión de un breve vídeo sobre el lugar de la reunión, se dio cuenta de la reunión de la Troika (documento 3), y se aprobó el proyecto de Programa de la XLIX COSAC, que tendrá lugar los días 23 a 25 de junio de 2013 (documento 4); cabe subrayar la previsión de intervención de Jacques Delors, antiguo Presidente de la Comisión Europea, el lunes 24 de junio, a las 11,50 horas; finalmente, se tomó conocimiento del avance del decimonoveno Informe semestral (documento 5) y de las cartas recibidas.

En relación a la carta de la delegación eslovena (documento 6) pidiendo que se incluya un punto en la próxima COSAC sobre reforzamiento del control democrático de los asuntos europeos por los Parlamentos nacionales, la representante danesa puso de relieve la necesidad de establecer mecanismos específicos de dación de cuentas y exigencia de responsabilidad por los Parlamentos nacionales, y comunicó su intención de convocar una reunión con este fin en Copenhague, el 11 de marzo. Sobre este tema



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intervinieron representantes de las Cámaras de Eslovenia, Holanda, Francia y Bélgica, poniendo de relieve la complementariedad de las funciones del Parlamento Europeo y de los Parlamentos nacionales en esta materia. El representante del Parlamento británico se refirió a la propuesta de referéndum del Premier Cameron, contestando a alguna alusión sobre el tema.

El eurodiputado español, Sr. Martínez, distinguió entre la legitimación democrática del Parlamento Europeo reconocida en los Tratados y otras formas de exigencia de responsabilidad democrática planteadas por algunos de los Parlamentos, no por todos. Señaló que no es partidario de modificar una agenda muy cargada. Tampoco se mostró partidario el Sr. Krichbaum, del Bundestag alemán.

El Presidente Hannigan concluyó que no es posible ahora atender la petición, eslovena de añadir otro punto a la COSAC de junio, aunque podrían distribuirse las conclusiones a las que puedan llegar los asistentes a la reunión de Copenhague.

• **PRIORIDADES DE LA PRESIDENCIA IRLANDESA**

El Ministro de Presupuestos y Reformas irlandés, Mr. Brendan Howlin, expuso las líneas generales de las prioridades de la presidencia irlandesa. El principal objetivo de la Presidencia es recuperar una prosperidad justa y sostenible, promover un crecimiento que fomente el empleo y fortalecer la posición de la Unión Europea en Europa y en el mundo.

En cuanto a la Unión Bancaria, la Presidencia iniciará las negociaciones para aplicar el acuerdo del ECOFIN de diciembre de 2012 sobre el Mecanismo Único de Supervisión. Asimismo, se buscará un acuerdo sobre el Mecanismo Único de Resolución y sobre un sistema común de garantía de depósitos.

En lo que se refiere al Semestre Europeo, entre enero y febrero de 2013 se debatirá en los Consejos sectoriales el Informe Anual de Crecimiento, para su examen en el Consejo Europeo de primavera. Con las orientaciones generales del Consejo, los Estados deberán presentar en abril de 2013 sus programas nacionales de reforma, para que durante el mes de mayo la Comisión Europea elabore las Recomendaciones específicas para cada país que someterá a la aprobación del Consejo Europeo en su reunión de junio.

En cuanto a la Unión Económica y Monetaria, la Presidencia colaborará con el Presidente del Consejo Europeo para que pueda presentar al Consejo Europeo de diciembre de 2013 sus propuestas sobre reforma de la gobernanza económica y fiscal.

En lo que se refiere al Mercado Único, la Presidencia procurará completar los expedientes pendientes del I Acta del Mercado Único y avanzar en las acciones prioritarias del II Acta, para que la Comisión pueda presentar propuestas legislativas en la primavera de 2013.



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En cuanto a la lucha contra el desempleo juvenil, la Presidencia buscará un acuerdo sobre la garantía juvenil incluida en el Paquete de Empleo Juvenil presentado por la Comisión el pasado mes de diciembre.

Es igualmente prioritario para la Presidencia buscar un acuerdo sobre el Marco Financiero Plurianual, sobre el Paquete de Cohesión y sobre la reforma de la Política Agrícola Común y la Política Pesquera Común.

En lo relativo a la acción exterior, como principales prioridades el Ministro enunció la protección y promoción de los derechos humanos, la lucha contra la pobreza y el hambre, la apertura de nuevos mercados para los exportadores europeos y la intención de ejercer un liderazgo sobre el cambio climático. Asimismo, la Presidencia realizará esfuerzos para avanzar en el proceso de ampliación de la Unión, para facilitar el ingreso de Croacia el 1 de julio de 2013 y para continuar en las negociaciones con Islandia, Turquía, Montenegro, Serbia, la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia (ARYM), Albania y Kosovo.

Tras las intervenciones de las delegaciones del Reino Unido, Hungría, Lituania, Francia y Bélgica, el Ministro repasó el estado de la negociación de solicitudes de adhesión; se refirió a la crisis económica, en particular al paro juvenil y a la necesidad de combinar el ajuste imprescindible con políticas de crecimiento económico.

Como contestación a las intervenciones de las delegaciones de Rumanía, Holanda, Francia, Macedonia, Turquía, Alemania, Austria, Parlamento Europeo y Montenegro, el Ministro recordó los instrumentos para incentivar el crecimiento económico; el papel importante del Reino Unido en la Unión Europea; la dimensión social de la Unión Europea; y los avances en la negociación para la adhesión de Montenegro.

En un último turno, tomaron la palabra representantes de los Parlamentos de Islandia, Chipre, Polonia, Luxemburgo, Croacia y España.

El Sr. Moreno Palanques, en representación de las Cortes Generales, puso de relieve que los momentos difíciles que vivimos no pueden hacernos perder de vista el objetivo de la integración política de la Unión.

El Ministro concluyó agradeciendo las palabras del Sr. Moreno e insistiendo en la necesidad de acercar la Unión Europea a los ciudadanos.

Tras una breve pausa se pasó al punto siguiente.



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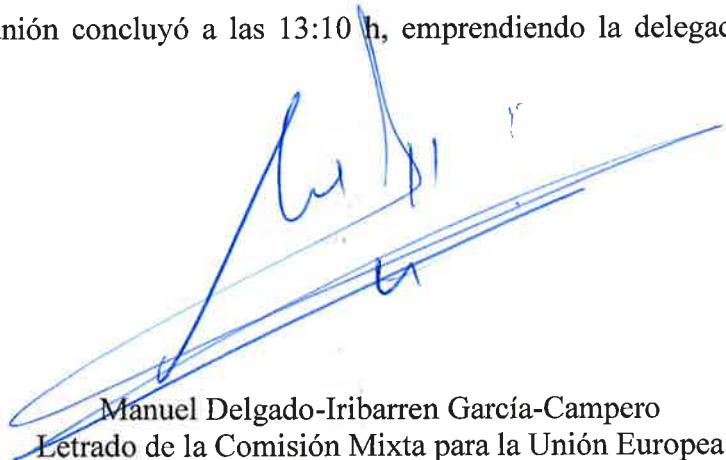
• EL FUTURO DE EUROPA: HACIA UNA AUTÉNTICA UNIÓN ECONÓMICA Y MONETARIA

El Comisario de Relaciones Institucionales y Administración, Sr. Marcos Sefcovic, recordó los diferentes paquetes de medidas que se están adoptando en la confirmación de una auténtica Unión Económica y Monetaria, y subrayó la necesidad de que se haga con un espíritu de colaboración entre instituciones comunitarias y Estados miembros.

Hicieron uso de la palabra representantes de las delegaciones del Reino Unido, Hungría, Bélgica, Austria, Eslovenia, Francia, Países Bajos, Rumanía, Turquía, Chipre, Parlamento Europeo (Sr. Casini), Dinamarca y Letonia.

El Sr. Sefcovic se refirió al control de subsidiariedad por los Parlamentos nacionales y a la importancia que le da la Comisión Europea, pidiendo disculpas por el retraso en las respuestas a los dictámenes e informes de los Parlamentos nacionales; aludió finalmente a la inexcusable exigencia de establecer cauces de legitimación democrática de la Unión Económica y Monetaria, en la que los Parlamentos nacionales deben tener un destacado protagonismo.

La reunión concluyó a las 13:10 h, emprendiendo la delegación su regreso a España.


Manuel Delgado-Iribarren García-Campero
Letrado de la Comisión Mixta para la Unión Europea



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COSAC Chairpersons Meeting

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PROGRAMME

Sunday, 27 January 2013

15:00 - 19:00 Registration desk open at the Gresham Hotel

17:45 For the participants of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17:45 Departure by bus from the Gresham Hotel

18:00 - 19:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Venue: Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

19:00 Departure by bus from the hotel for Dublin Castle

19:30 Welcome reception

20:00 Dinner hosted by Mr. Dominic Hannigan T.D., Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

Venue: St. Patricks Hall, Dublin Castle

22:00 Return by bus to the hotel



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Monday, 28 January 2013

Venue: Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

08:30 Buses depart from the hotel for Dublin Castle

09:00 **Opening address** by Mr. Dominic Hannigan T.D., Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

Adoption of the Agenda

Procedural questions and miscellaneous matters:

- Briefing on the Presidential Troika meeting
- Draft agenda of the XLIX COSAC
- Outline of the 19th Bi-annual Report
- Letters received by the Presidency

09.45 **Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

Address by Mr. Brendan Howlin T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

Debate

11.10 Family photo

Coffee Break

11:30 **The future of Europe : towards a genuine Economic and Monetary Union**

Address by Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, Commissioner for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration

Debate

13:00 Lunch

Venue: Castle Hall

15:00 End of meeting - Buses depart for hotel



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Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Sunday 27 January 2013

18:00 - 19:00

AGENDA

Venue: Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

1. Adoption of the agenda of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
2. Approval of the draft programme of the meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC
3. Debate on the draft programme for the XLIX COSAC
4. Approval of the outline of the 19th Bi-annual Report
5. Letters received by the Presidency
6. Any other business



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COSAC XLIX Plenary Meeting

Dublin Castle, 23 - 25 June 2013

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 23 June 2013

15:00 - 19:00 Registration desks open at the hotels

17:45 **For the participants of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

17:45 Departure by bus from the hotels

18:00 - 19:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre

19:00 Departure by bus from the hotels

19:30 Welcome reception

20:00 Welcome Dinner hosted by Mr. Dominic Hannigan T.D., Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

Venue: Royal Hospital, Kilmainham

22:30 Return by bus to the hotels

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Monday, 24 June 2013

For the participants of the meetings of Political Groups

07:40 Buses depart from the hotels for Dublin Castle

08:00 - 09:00 Meetings of Political Groups

Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre

08:45 Buses depart from the hotels for Dublin Castle

09:15 Opening and procedural issues

- Opening address by Mr. Sean Barrett T.D., Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann
- Opening of session by Mr. Dominic Hannigan T.D., Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on European Union Affairs
- Adoption of the Agenda of the XLIX COSAC
- Presentation of the 19th Bi-annual Report
- Procedural issues

10:00 ‘Taking Stock and Looking to the Future’

Address by An Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., Prime Minister of Ireland (TBC)

Debate

11.25 Coffee Break

11:50 ‘The Future of European Integration’

- Address by Ms. Viviane Reding, Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship (Confirmed)
- Address by Mr. Jacques Delors, Former president of the European Commission (Confirmed)

Debate

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13:15 Family photo

13:30 Lunch

Venue: State Apartments, Dublin Castle

14.45 **'Delivering on Development'**

Panel discussion

- Mr. Moh Ibrahim, Chairman, Moh Ibrahim Foundation
(Confirmed)
- Panellist 2 TBC
- Panellist 3 TBC

Debate

16:45 End of session - Buses depart for hotel

16.45 **Chairpersons Meeting**

Contributions and Conclusions of the XLIX COSAC

18:15 Chairpersons return to the hotels

19:00 Departure by bus from the hotels

19:30 Welcome reception

20:00 Dinner hosted by Mr. Sean Barrett T.D., Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann

Venue: Round Room, Mansion House, Dublin

22:00 Return by bus to the hotels

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Tuesday, 25 June 2013

Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre

08:30 Buses depart from the hotels for Dublin Castle

09:00 'Enlargement - Maintaining Momentum'

Address by Mr Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia-Herzegovina (Confirmed)

Speaker 2 TBC

Debate

10:25 Coffee Break

10:45 'A European Future for Young Citizens'

Speakers TBC

Debate

12:10 Adoption of the Conclusions and Contribution of COSAC XLIX

13:00 Lunch

Venue: State Apartments, Dublin Castle

15:00 End of meeting - Buses depart for hotels

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Outline of the 19th Bi-annual Report of COSAC on Procedures and Practices Relevant to Parliamentary Scrutiny

Genuine Economic and Monetary Union

In November 2012, the European Commission published a Communication of major significance setting out a blueprint for a deep and genuine economic and monetary union (EMU), with a view to launching a debate.¹ In this document the Commission highlighted the measures already taken during the current crisis and set out possible measures to deepen EMU in the short, medium and long term, including possible steps towards a political union.

In December 2012 the European Council adopted conclusions on a roadmap for the completion of EMU.² The conclusions dealt with the most immediate aspects of the roadmap drawing on a report on the issue published earlier that month by President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy. The report identified four main building blocks for the completion of EMU: an integrated financial framework; an integrated budgetary framework; an integrated economic policy framework; and democratic legitimacy and accountability.³

This section of the questionnaire will seek information on the level of debate within Parliaments on the European Commission's blueprint for a genuine economic and monetary union, given its intended purpose as a debate-starter, and will seek the views of Parliaments on some of the possible measures outlined therein, and in the Van Rompuy report, such as the promotion of structural reforms in Member States through arrangements of a contractual nature, and the creation of a euro area fiscal capacity.

Finally, this section of the questionnaire will ascertain the views of Parliaments on the extent to which the European Council conclusions, the Van Rompuy report and the Commission blueprint have sufficiently addressed the issue of democratic

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/president/news/archives/2012/11/pdf/blueprint_en.pdf

² http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/134353.pdf

³ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/134069.pdf



legitimacy and accountability, and in particular the role of Parliaments, in a genuine economic and monetary union.

European Semester 2013

The European Semester, the annual cycle of EU level surveillance and coordination of Member States' fiscal, economic and structural reform policies is now in its third year. While the process is now beginning to bed down at EU level, it has been largely dominated by the Commission and the Council to date, with the European Parliament and national Parliaments struggling to define their role in the new and rapidly evolving economic governance of the Union.

At national level, Parliaments can obviously play a critical role in ensuring appropriate and timely oversight of government inputs at key points during the period of the European Semester process and subsequently, as well as debating relevant EU level growth forecasts, guidance and country-specific recommendations.

At European level, oversight by the European Parliament, together with greater interparliamentary cooperation with national Parliaments will be crucial to underpin the European Semester process. The European Parliament is organising a Parliamentary Week on the European Semester in January 2013, involving its relevant committees and representatives from equivalent committees of national Parliaments, to promote interparliamentary cooperation and specifically to stimulate debate and parliamentary involvement in the European Semester in 2013.

This section of the questionnaire will seek information from Parliaments on their involvement in the European Semester in 2013 at national level, particularly in relation to scrutiny of the Annual Growth Survey 2013, the relevant draft Stability and Convergence Programmes (SCPs), National Reform Programmes (NRPs), and Country-Specific Recommendations, as well as their views on the substance of these documents, the overall economic governance process, and how it might be improved upon.



This section of the questionnaire will also seek the views of Parliaments on the optimum format for interparliamentary cooperation at European level on the European Semester.

EU Enlargement

The European Commission published its most recent annual Communication on an Enlargement Strategy in October 2012.⁴ Council conclusions from December 2012 highlighted the need for a credible enlargement policy to maintain reforms in the countries concerned, and public support for enlargement in the Member States⁵.

Following the anticipated accession of Croatia to the EU on 1 July 2013, there is no clear candidate state that is next in line to join the Union. This fact, coupled with so-called "enlargement fatigue", whether real or perceived, holds the prospect that momentum for reform in candidate states and potential candidate states may be lost.

Parliaments play a key role in the enlargement process in the EU in terms of debate and ratification of accession treaties, scrutiny of stabilisation and association agreements, facilitation of dialogue with state and civil society actors in candidate countries and potential candidate countries, and communication of the case for enlargement to citizens.

This section of the questionnaire will seek information on the practices and procedures within Parliaments in relation to the enlargement process, views on the most recent Enlargement Strategy, dialogue with political, official and civil society representatives in enlargement states, and the role of Parliament in the national discourse on enlargement.

⁴ http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/pdf/key_documents/2012/package/strategy_paper_2012_en.pdf

⁵ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/ueDocs/cms_Data/docs/pressData/EN/genaff/134235.pdf



Subsidiarity

Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in December 2009, under Article 6 of the Protocol on the Application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality, national Parliaments have the right to submit a reasoned opinion to the European institutions outlining why they consider that a particular proposal does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity. Critically, Article 7 of the above Protocol provides that where reasoned opinions represent at least one third of national Parliaments, the proposal must be reviewed (the so-called "Yellow Card").

On 21 March 2012 the European Commission published a proposal for a Council Regulation on the exercise of the right to take collective action within the context of the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services (the so-called "Monti II" proposal).⁶ By the time the subsidiarity deadline had expired at the end of May, it was clear that the "Yellow Card" threshold had been reached and the Commission would be required to review the proposal. On 12 September 2012, the Commission decided to withdraw its proposal completely.

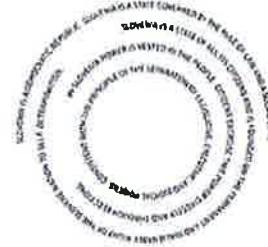
In the Contribution of the XLVIII meeting in October 2012 and in the context of strengthening the political dialogue, COSAC called upon the European Commission to provide individual responses to the reasoned opinions submitted and reasoning for why it considers that the principle of subsidiarity has not been breached.

This section of the questionnaire will seek to update and gather information on the process of parliamentary scrutiny, in particular, on this proposal, the mobilisation of interparliamentary cooperation, and the views of Parliaments on the Commission's response and the degree to which it took the contributions into account.

⁶ COM (2012) 130



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Mr Dominic Hannigan, T.D.
Chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs

Dear Mr Hannigan,

Our colleagues from eleven national parliaments expressed in their letter of 7 December 2012 addressed to Mr Herman Van Rompuy, the President of the European Council, their engagement to stimulate a discussion on how a more integrated financial, budgetary and economic union could be accompanied with strong mechanisms for democratic legitimacy and accountability. In this respect, further involvement of national parliaments in the debate is necessary.

The Committee on EU Affairs of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia discussed the content of the above letter at its 44th session of 14 December 2012. After the debate, the Committee adopted the conclusion, supporting the letter and its message to the President of the European Council and proposing that the Irish Presidency of the COSAC puts the topic on the agenda of its XLIX Plenary Meeting.

I suppose that this matter will already be partly included in the debate and exchange of views with Mr Maroš Šefčovič, the Vice-President and Commissioner for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration, at the COSAC Chairpersons Meeting. However, it could be of great interest to our colleagues if a broader discussion took place at the COSAC Plenary Meeting on how to involve national parliaments more actively in the further strengthening of democratic legitimacy and accountability of the European Union in relation to its future development.

Yours sincerely,



Roman Jakic
Chairman