

Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC The Hague, 7 and 8 February 2016

Draft programme

Sunday, 7 February 2016

14.00 – 19.00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17.30 **Departure from the hotels**

18.00 - 19.00 **Meeting of the Presidential Troika - House of Representatives**

19.00 - 19.15 **Tour of the House of Representatives**

19.15 **Departure for Dinner**

19.00/15 Departure by bus from the hotels

19.30 Dinner hosted by Mr Azmani and Mr Elzinga
Speech by Mr Azmani and Mr Elzinga
Location: Mauritshuis

Around 21.30 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 8 February 2016

8.00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Hall of Knights
(Binnenhof 11A, The Hague)

8:30 - 9:00 **Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address (10 min) by the President of the Senate

Introductory remarks (10 min) by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House/Senate

Adoption of the Agenda (10 min)

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- 09.00 - 10.30 **Session I: Working towards parliamentary engagement in EU-decision making**
- Panel discussion (30 min): representatives from three or four parliaments
- Debate (60 min)
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**
- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
Draft agenda of the LV COSAC
Outline of the 25th Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
Letters received by the Presidency
- Debate
- 11.00 Family Photo
- 11.15 - 11.45 Coffee Break
- 11.45 - 13.00 **Session II: Priorities of the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission Work Programme 2016**
- Explanation of the European Commission Work Programme 2016 (15 min)**
Key note speaker: Vice President of the European Commission, Ms Kristalina Georgieva
- Priorities of the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union (15 min)**
Key note speaker: Mr Bert Koenders, minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- Debate (45 min)
- 13.00 - 13.15 **Closing remarks** by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House/Senate
- 13.15 - 14.45 Lunch at the Hall of Knights
- 14.45 Return to the hotels by bus and departure of delegations