

XXXVIII COSAC
Estoril Congress Center
14th to 16th of October 2007

Draft Programme

(dated 21st June 2007)

Sunday, 14 October 2007

- Arrival of the delegations and registration for the COSAC meeting at the hotels
- 15.00** Sightseeing Tour
- 17.30-19.00** **COSAC Troika meeting** (Estoril Congress Centre)
- 18.15** Departure from the hotel to Assembleia da República
- 19.00** Guided tour of the São Bento Palace (Assembleia da República)
- 20.00** Welcoming dinner offered by MP Vitalino Canas, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Assembleia da República (*Salão Nobre e Passos Perdidos*, Assembleia da Republica)
- 22.00** Return to the hotels

Monday, 15 October 2007

- 08.20** Departure from the hotels to the Estoril Congress Centre
- 08.30** Registration for the COSAC meeting (for those who have not registered)
- 08.35** Political Groups Meetings
- 09.15** **Opening Session of the XXXVIII COSAC, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, MP Vitalino Canas**
- Adoption of the Agenda of the XXXVIII COSAC
- 09.30** **Guest speaker: José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission** (to be confirmed)
- Debate
- 11.00** Coffee break
- 11.15** **The Portuguese Presidency and the Future of Europe**
Guest speaker: José Sócrates, Prime-Minister of the Portuguese Republic (to be confirmed)
- Debate
- 13.00** Buffet-lunch at the Estoril Congress Centre

- 14.45 Group Photo
- 15.00 **Revision of the COSAC Rules of Procedure**
- 15.15 **Presentation of the 8th Biannual Report**
 - Overview of the EU scrutiny systems of the National Parliaments of EU 27
 - National parliament's expectations from the IGC
 - Parliamentary monitoring of the Lisbon Strategy
 - The EU Mediterranean Dimension
 - National Parliaments' monitoring of EU Financial programmes: priority setting and allocation of funds
- 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.30 **COSAC Secretariat – Appointment and co-financing of the Permanent Member for the Period 2008-2010**
- 17.00 **Debate on Future Topics for COSAC**
 (Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure)
- 17.45 Return to the hotels for those not attending the meeting of the chairpersons
- 17.45 **Meeting of the Chairpersons for the Preparation of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXVIII COSAC**
- 19.15 Departure from the hotels
- 19.30 Official dinner at the *Palácio de Queluz*, hosted by H.E. the Speaker of Assembleia da República, MP Jaime Gama
- 21.30 Return to the hotels

Tuesday, 16 October 2007

- 08.45 Departure from the hotels
- 09.00 **The EU Mediterranean Dimension**
Guest Speakers: Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt (to be confirmed); **Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain** (to be confirmed)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXVIII COSAC**
- 12.30 **End of XXXVIII COSAC**
- 13.00 Buffet-Lunch at the Estoril Congress Centre, hosted by the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee, MP Vitalino Canas
- 17.30 Return to the hotels and departure