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Draft Presidency Conclusions
of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments
Warsaw, 20-21 April 2012

regarding:¹

**parliamentary scrutiny of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)**

The Speakers stressed the need for swift start of the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (hereinafter referred to as "Inter-Parliamentary Conference"), which was established by the decision of the Conference of the Speakers adopted during its meeting in Brussels in April 2011. Therefore the Conference of Speakers has supplemented the Conclusions of the Presidency as following:

- a. An Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) is set up. **The Inter-Parliamentary Conference** is composed of delegations of the national Parliaments of the EU Member States and the European Parliament. This conference replaces the existing COFACC and CODACC meetings.
- b. Each of the EU Parliaments takes an autonomous decision on the composition of its delegation in order to ensure full representativeness of presented views and competences. In the case of Parliaments consisting of two Chambers, the number of members of the delegation shall be allocated according to their internal agreement. Taking into account organisational and practical considerations and the efficiency of the proceedings, the Conference**

¹ Plain text – the Conclusions of the meeting of the Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the European Union in Brussels on 4-5.04.2011; text in bold – new proposals.

of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments recommends that the number of members of each EU Parliament's delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference should not exceed 16 members of the Parliament.

- c. Each national Parliament of a candidate country and each European member country of NATO can **delegate two observers**.
- d. **The Inter-Parliamentary Conference** shall meet **once in every six months** in the country holding the six-monthly Council Presidency or in the European Parliament in Brussels. The Presidency shall decide the matter. Extraordinary meetings shall be held when deemed necessary or urgent.
- e. The meetings shall be presided over by the national Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating Council Presidency, in close cooperation with the European Parliament.
- f. The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union shall be invited to the meetings of **the Inter-Parliamentary** Conference in order to set out the outlines and strategies of the common foreign and defence policy of the Union.
- g. **The Inter-Parliamentary** Conference may adopt non-binding conclusions by consensus.
- h. **The Inter-Parliamentary** Conference shall approve its rules of procedure and working methods on the basis of the aforementioned principles.

The Conference of Speakers recommends conducting a review of the rules of procedure adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Conference before the end of the second year since its first meeting, and submitting respective conclusions by the relevant Presidency of the Conference of the Speakers of the European Union Parliaments.