

Conclusions of the LXX COSAC Madrid 26-28 November 2023

1. On the 40th COSAC Bi-annual Report

1.1 COSAC expresses its thanks to the COSAC Secretariat for preparing the 40th Bi-annual Report, which covers the role of Parliaments in relation to the European goal of open strategic autonomy, the role of Parliaments in handling energy policies, namely renewable sources of energy, and their standing when confronted with Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

1.2 COSAC invites all Parliaments make the outcome of the COSAC work more visible, encouraging them to actively share examples of best practices highlighted by the Report within the Parliament and to the wider public if possible.

2. On de-activation of the old COSAC website

2.1 Recalling the Conclusions of the LIX COSAC held in Sofia in June 2018, and following the Conclusions of the LVIII COSAC held in Tallinn in December 2017, and the Conclusions of the LXIX COSAC held in Stockholm, COSAC takes note the old COSAC website (www.cosac.eu) has been deactivated. All of its contents have successfully been transferred and uploaded on IPEX, and the cosac.eu domain will be preserved.

2.2 COSAC expresses its thanks to the COSAC Secretariat for its work with the transfer of all the content from the old COSAC website to IPEX, and also to the European Parliament and to the IPEX Information Officer for its support throughout this process.

3. Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

3.1. COSAC notes that the term of office of the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat, Mr Bruno DIAS PINHEIRO, will end on 31 December 2023 and that he will not seek a second mandate.

3.2. COSAC welcomes the decision taken by the Chairpersons of COSAC held in Madrid on 27 November to appoint Mr Jakob SJÖVALL as Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat for 2024-2025.

3.3. COSAC is certain that the newly elected Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat will successfully continue to manage the work of the COSAC Secretariat and contribute to the effective development of the COSAC activities.

3.4. COSAC expresses its gratitude to the Swedish *Riksdag* for seconding Mr Jakob SJÖVALL as Permanent Member for 2024-2025.

3.5. COSAC warmly thanks Mr Bruno DIAS PINHEIRO, from the Portuguese *Assembleia da República*, whose term of office as Permanent Member expires on 31 December 2023, for his committed and productive work in the COSAC Secretariat.



3.6. COSAC thanks the European Parliament for hosting the COSAC Secretariat on its premises in Brussels and for providing it with appropriate office facilities.

3.7. Regarding the co-financing of the Permanent Member and the office of the COSAC Secretariat for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025, COSAC notes that 39 out of the 39 national Parliaments/Chambers have signed and sent their letters of intent indicating that they are willing to participate in the co-financing for the above stated period. COSAC welcomes the fact that this number is above the minimum threshold, therefore the co-financing of the Permanent Member and the office of the COSAC Secretariat will continue.