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Conclusions

On COSAC's 41st bi-annual report

- (1) COSAC thanks the COSAC Secretariat for the preparation of the 41st bi-annual report on the role of national parliaments in the evaluation of the 2019-2024 European legislature and the preparation of the Council's strategic programme for 2024-2029; the promotion of a gender policy within parliaments; and the follow-up in parliaments of the European Commission's reports on the rule of law.
- (2) COSAC invites all parliaments to increase the visibility of the results of COSAC's work and encourages them to share the best practices highlighted in the report within their parliaments and with the general public wherever possible.

On the exchange of best practices

- (3) COSAC encourages the exchange of best practices between national parliaments on how to manage interparliamentary conferences during the parliamentary dimension of a Council presidency, when elections take place during that presidency. The permanent representatives of the national parliaments in the European Parliament could draw up an inventory and analyse the experience acquired in this area, so that the parliamentary services of all Member States can benefit from it.

On the organisation of COSAC meetings

- (4) COSAC encourages future presidencies to consider ways of making debates more spontaneous, in particular by organising interactive debates.
- (5) COSAC invites future presidencies to highlight the results of the bi-annual report, in particular by ensuring that the topics covered are relevant to the sessions organised during the plenary session and by asking the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat to present these results.
- (6) COSAC thanks the European Parliament for hosting the COSAC plenary meeting at its headquarters in Brussels and for providing the Belgian presidency with all the necessary assistance.

On the COSAC Secretariat

- (7) COSAC thanks the previous (Swedish and Spanish) presidencies for having settled the appointment and funding of the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.

On the Meeting of the Presidency of the Conference of Speakers in Palma de Mallorca on 21-23 April 2024

- (8) COSAC takes note that the Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments, at the meeting in Palma de Mallorca on 21-23 April 2024, will examine a draft for a "Charter on the role of Parliaments in a functioning liberal democracy" ahead of the European Elections on 6-9 June 2024, in light of the initiative to jointly advance on the role of Parliaments in a functioning democracy and to reflect on possible ways to strengthen modern parliamentarism.