

Rules for nominating a candidate for the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat
during the Presidential Troika meeting

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1. Both applicants will be interviewed separately in alphabetical order. Each interview will be conducted in the presence of Troika members accompanied by one official/member of staff and the present Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat. The interview, which should take no longer than 20 minutes, will be divided into two stages. During the first stage (no longer than 5 minutes) the candidate will make a presentation including the motives for applying for the post as well as her plans concerning the work as the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat once appointed. During the second stage a candidate will answer questions posed by the Troika members (only members of parliaments will be entitled to ask questions).
2. Due to the fact that one of the candidates is Polish, the Chairs of the Presidency Parliament, Mr Stanislaw Rakoczy and Mr Edmund Wittbrodt, will refrain from interviewing candidates for the sake of maximum transparency and objectivity. They will also exclude themselves from the decision on Troika recommendation concerning the final candidate. However, they will be present throughout the whole procedure performing their Presidency role as coordinator and moderator.

Due to the fact that one of the candidates is British, Mr William Cash, Chair of European Scrutiny Committee of the House of Commons, has been invited to participate as an observer in the Troika meeting throughout the whole part concerning the procedure of recommendation for appointment (both interviews and decision making process).

3. After the candidates have been interviewed all participants of the Troika meeting other than members of parliaments will be asked to leave the room in order to enable free discussion.
4. When the agreement has been reached among the Troika members all participants and the candidates will be invited back to the room. The Presidency will announce the decision.
5. Should the Troika decide not to recommend a candidate to the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, the Troika will agree further steps to be taken, their decision to be announced by the Presidency at the start of the COSAC plenary meeting.