

## **Note to the COSAC chairpersons on the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> biannual report of COSAC/13 september 2004**

### **Recent developments in procedures and practises relevant to national parliamentary scrutiny**

#### **Ch. 1 Ratification of the draft constitutional treaty**

##### *Ratification of the Draft Constitutional Treaty*

- 1) The state of the art of the ratification process of the draft Constitutional treaty in EU-25:
  - How many countries plan referenda on the draft Constitutional Treaty?
  - Timetable for ratifications in EU-25 if available?

#### **Ch. 2 Procedures in the draft constitutional treaty involving national parliaments**

- 1) Description of “early warning system” for monitoring the principle of subsidiarity at the European level + national parliament’s planned systems for carrying out the control (to the extent they are known).
- 2) Description of national parliaments role within the area of freedom security and justice (scrutiny of Europol activities and +evaluation of Eurojust’s activities)
- 3) Description of national parliament’s role in relation to future amendments of the constitutional treaty and in the ratification process
- 4) Description of national parliaments role in relation to application of the “passerelles”

#### **Ch. 3 Transparency and traceability**

- 1) Flow of EU documents and information to National parliaments in the light of the new protocol on National Parliament’s role in the draft Constitutional Treaty. How do national parliaments trace relevant documents of the EU-institutions at the different stages of the legislative procedures?
  - Description of the EU-databases that are available to the public, which can help tracing the legislative decisions, taken by EU institutions: EUR-LEX, PRE-LEX, OEIL and the Council’s public “Register of documents”.
  - Documents from governments to National Parliaments concerning EU draft legislation (explanatory memoranda), - requirements to content and deadlines for forwarding these documents?

#### **Ch. 4 Budgetary and financial mechanisms**

1) Description of the budgetary procedure and the mechanisms for setting the financial perspective.

#### **Ch. 5 Conclusions**