

Declaration regarding The Conference of Speakers of the European Parliaments

The Conference of Speakers of the European Parliaments is a forum for the speakers of the national parliaments in the European Union.

As a rule, the speaker of a national parliament has overall responsibility for coordinating work internally in his/her parliament and, equally, overall responsibility for coordinating cooperation between his/her national parliament and foreign parliaments, including the parliaments in the EU.

The Conference of Speakers meets once a year and has held regular meetings since 1975. In addition, the Conference of Speakers presently acts as a framework for the exchange of information and experience, e.g. about the EU. It was the Conference of Speakers which founded COSAC in May 1989.

In order to strengthen coordination of parliamentary cooperation in the EU, COSAC therefore requests that the *Conference of Speakers of the European Parliaments* constitute the Presidium for COSAC and approves COSAC's budget.