

Task f) : " To consider the possibility of giving COSAC a new and more understandable name"

Amended note¹

Should COSAC have a new name²?

1. Which name?

There was agreement at the XXVII COSAC meeting in Copenhagen from 16 -18 October 2002 that the working group should consider whether COSAC should have a new, more understandable name in the long term.

A change of names would not make any changes in COSAC's authority and competencies.

A change of names can be carried out without making amendments to the Treaty.

At a more concrete level the following names are among those that have been proposed:

- "Forum of Parliaments"
- "The Council of European Parliaments"
- "The Union of European Parliaments"
- "The Union of European Parliamentarians"
- ...

There is consensus in the working group that work should continue on the matter of giving COSAC a new name which corresponds to its new functions and tasks. In its report, Convention Working Group IV on the role of national parliaments says that "the Group considered that it might be appropriate to change the name of COSAC to reflect its expanded role".

The choice of name should be coordinated with the deliberations in the Convention on the Future of Europe, including the Convention's deliberations on the possible setting up of a further interparliamentary mechanism ("the Congress") the name and functions of which will still have to be defined. Therefore, the matter of COSAC's name should be referred to the working group's follow-up to the work in the Convention on the Future of Europe (task i)

¹ Changes to the note are marked with a line in the margin

2. Consequences for COSAC's rules of procedure

None of the above will require amendments to the rules of procedure of COSAC.