

## **Working Group**

### **Questionnaire to European Union Affairs Committees**

At the COSAC Troika Meeting in Södertälje, February 6, it was decided that a COSAC working group should be set up to deal with the issue of national parliaments and the European Union. This issue could be divided into two aspects:

- 1) how the national parliaments could contribute to the discussion about the future development of the European Union,
- 2) the role of national parliaments in the European architecture.

The following questions are related to these two aspects. Your answers will be an important input to the COSAC working group. We are most thankful for your co-operation.

We would appreciate if you could answer before **March 25**. Please send your answer by mail to [presidence@cosac.org](mailto:presidence@cosac.org) or by fax at +46-8-786 6163

#### **Questions**

##### **1 a)**

Has your parliament pronounced itself in recent years on the issues mentioned in the Nice Declaration on the Future of the Union, especially the issue of the role of national parliaments?

##### **1 b)**

If your parliament has done so, in what form was the statement made? What specific statements from your parliament do you consider especially important?

##### **2 a)**

Has your parliament taken any specific measures in order to encourage a broad public debate on the issues mentioned in the Nice Declaration on the Future of the Union, such as arranging public hearings? Is it likely that such measures will be taken?

##### **2 b)**

Do you have any specific experience from working methods for earlier debates on the EU, especially Treaty changes, in your country, such as parliamentary ad-hoc committees or committees set up by the government, which may be valuable for other countries?

##### **3)**

Do you have any specific experience from your parliament's dealing with EU matters that might be valuable for other national parliaments in their work with EU matters?