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Irish Presidency of the
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DRAFT PROPOSAL TO APPOINT AN AD HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY AND THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

History

The Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments agreed, in the Conclusions which it adopted in Warsaw on 21 April 2012, as follows concerning the review of arrangements for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference:

“The Conference of Speakers recommends conducting a review of these arrangements for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference after two years from its first meeting, and submitting conclusions from such review by the relevant Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments.”.

The first Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Cyprus on 9-10 September 2012 -

“Endorsing the recommendations of the Conference of Speakers meeting in Warsaw in April 2012 that the Conference of Speakers should conduct a review of arrangements for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference two years after its first meeting,”

adopted Rules of Procedure which provided, in Article 9, that -

“The Inter-Parliamentary Conference may appoint an ad hoc review committee which would, eighteen (18) months from the first meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, evaluate the workings of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference and make recommendations thereon to be deliberated upon by the Conference of EU Speakers.”.

The Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Cyprus on 9-10 September 2012 agreed the following paragraph in the Introductory Remarks to its Conclusions:

“The Inter-Parliamentary Conference adopted its Rules of Procedure. All amendments submitted by national Parliaments and not taken on board will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee to be established by the Inter-Parliamentary Conference in order to evaluate these proposals and present recommendations to the Speakers’ Conference of the EU, within eighteen (18) months from the first meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. The incoming Irish Presidency is asked to submit to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference a proposal on the composition of the review committee.”.

Proposal of the Irish Presidency

An Ad Hoc Review Committee (AHRC) is appointed to conduct a review of arrangements for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference in accordance with the decisions of the Conference of Speakers and the Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

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The AHRC is composed of one representative of each of the delegations of the national Parliaments of the EU Member States and the European Parliament.

The AHRC shall be presided over by the Presidency Parliament, in close co-operation with the Trio national Parliaments (Ireland, Lithuania and Greece), the European Parliament and Cyprus.

A Working Group of the AHRC is established to conduct a preliminary review of arrangements for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

The Working Group is composed of one representative of each of the delegations of the Trio national Parliaments, the European Parliament and Cyprus.

The Working Group shall be presided over by the Presidency Parliament.

The Working Group may request the observations of the national Parliaments of the EU Member States on any matter within its remit. National Parliaments of the EU Member States may, at their own initiative, submit observations to the Working Group.

The Working Group shall report its observations and recommendations to the AHRC.

The Working Group shall meet at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Lithuania but may meet by agreement at any time before it reports its recommendations to the AHRC.

The AHRC may meet by agreement at any time but shall meet in advance of and make observations and recommendations to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference presided over by the Greek Presidency.

The AHRC ceases to exist on the conclusion of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference presided over by the Greek Presidency.

Indicative Roadmap

September 2012	Cyprus	The Irish Presidency is asked to submit to the IPC a proposal on the composition of the AHRC.
March 2013	Ireland	A proposal is submitted by the Irish Presidency to the IPC in Dublin.



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September 2013	Lithuania	The Working Group meets at the IPC. Before the Greek IPC, the Working Group submits recommendations to the AHRC. Before the Greek IPC, the AHRC prepares its final recommendations.
March 2014	Athens	The AHRC submits its final recommendations for agreement by the IPC.
February 2015	Rome	The Conference of Secretaries General considers the recommendations of the IPC.
April 2015	Rome	The Conference of Speakers considers the recommendations of the IPC

