

Amendments of the Belgian Senate to the draft contribution of the LX COSAC

Add in paragraph 1.2. the following :

1.2. COSAC considers that greater efforts must be made to protect the EU's external borders, with the goal of preventing irregular entry into the EU, tackling human trafficking and smuggling and preventing loss of life at sea. It also underlines the necessity to significantly step up the effective return of irregular migrants in line with fundamental principles of international and EU law. Existing readmission agreements should be better implemented and new agreements concluded **with respect for international law**, including by using the necessary leverage consisting of all relevant EU policies, instruments and tools.

Modify the text of paragraph 1.3. as follows :

1.3. COSAC welcomes the Commission proposals on the Return Directive, the Asylum agency and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, **while** ensuring the most efficient use of resources **and** with due respect for the responsibility of the Member States **and ensuring an effective democratic control by the European Parliament.**

Add in paragraph 1.4. the following :

1.4. COSAC recalls that the EU heads of state or government gathered at an informal meeting in Salzburg on 19-20 September 2018 to discuss important matters of internal security, took stock of progress achieved, and agreed, inter alia, to step up the fight against all forms of cyber-crime, manipulation and disinformation. In this regard, COSAC calls for measures to combat cyber and cyber-enabled illegal and malicious activities and build strong cybersecurity **with respect for fundamental rights particularly concerning the protection of privacy.** Work on all recent Commission proposals should be concluded before the end of the legislature.