

## **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AMENDMENTS TO COSAC CONTRIBUTION**

**(on 1<sup>st</sup> draft as of 6 November 2018)**

### **2. Securing prosperity and competitiveness through digitalisation**

2.2. COSAC invites the co-legislators to take work swiftly forward on the proposals on digital taxation and on the latest data package, ***published by the Commission in April 2018***, as well as to deliver on the remaining legislative proposals concerning the Digital Single Market before the end of the current legislative cycle. In line with the position of the European Council, COSAC welcomes the ongoing work of the ***European Institutions*** and Member States on a coordinated plan on artificial intelligence.

**Justification: Identify the proposal. Recognise also other EU institutions' work on AI.**

### **3. Western Balkans / South Eastern Europe**

3.2. COSAC welcomes the Joint Declaration on Regional Cooperation and Good Neighbourly Relations signed at the Western Balkans Summit in London on 10 July 2018 in the framework of the Berlin Process, **and the Sofia Priority Agenda adopted at EU-Western Balkans Summit, in Sofia, on 17 May 2018**. COSAC supports the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU in advancing the agenda.

**Justification: Also mention the Sofia Priority Agenda.**

### **4. Brexit – current state**

4.1. COSAC acknowledges that the EU27 leaders reaffirmed at the European Council (Art. 50) meeting on 17 October 2018 their full confidence in Michel Barnier as the Union Chief Negotiator and their determination to stay united. ~~***Despite intensive negotiations, not enough progress has been achieved yet.***~~

**Justification: Taken into account the timing, more neutral formulation is proposed.**

4.2. COSAC encourages the Union Chief Negotiator to continue his efforts to reach an agreement in accordance with previously agreed European Council guidelines ***and European Parliament resolutions, keeping in mind that the European Parliament needs to give its***

**consent to the withdrawal agreement.** **COSAC** welcomes plans to convene a European Council **[,if and when]** the Union Chief negotiator reports that decisive progress has been made.

**Justification: Noting the role of the EP, as provided for in Article 50 of the Treaty. Wording of last sentence needs to be checked according to the situation on the date of adoption.**

4.3. COSAC stresses the importance of **further** cooperation at inter-parliamentary level with the United Kingdom after Brexit. COSAC will examine possible modalities after the withdrawal agreement is concluded and the framework of the future relations between the EU and the United Kingdom is known.

**Justification: Delete ambiguous word that is not really necessary.**

## **6. A transparent European Union closer to its citizens in light of the upcoming elections to the European Parliament**

6.5. COSAC considers the Report of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently” and the Communication from the European Commission “The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality: Strengthening their role in the EU’s policymaking” a good basis for further discussions. These discussions should cover, inter alia, the possible **introduction of a twelve-week extension of the eight-week** deadline for the submission of reasoned opinions within the framework of the subsidiarity control mechanism as well as the question of providing national Parliaments with the additional opportunity to express their views about proportionality and the legal basis of a proposed legislation in reasoned opinions, taking into account that certain modifications may require Treaty changes. COSAC reiterates that it appreciates the so called “green card” mechanism as a possible extension of the political dialogue between the European Commission and the national Parliaments.

**Justification: Text more in line with Commission Communication.**

6.7. COSAC stresses that the representation of the European Union’s citizens in the European Parliament **must be is** based on free and fair elections. Political parties at European level serve as a direct link between citizens and the political system, contributing to transparency and a better understanding of the European Union’s decision-making processes.

**Justification: Free and fair elections are fundamental.**