Amendments to the draft text of the Contribution of the LX COSAC by the Hungarian National Assembly (HNA)

Amendment 1

Amendment of Paragraph 1.3.
1.3. COSAC welcomes the Commission proposals on the Return Directive, the Asylum agency and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency¹, ensuring the most efficient use of resources and with due respect for the responsibility and the national competences of the Member States.

Explanation:
The amendment intends to provide more explicit guarantee for the respect of national competence as regards external border protection in view to the Commission proposals concerned.

Amendment 2

Insert of a new Paragraph 3.2.a.
3.2.a. COSAC calls on the EU Institutions to provide appropriate funds for the potential new member countries of the EU in the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

Explanation:
Enlargements have provided mutual benefits for the whole European family. The credibility of the EU integration and the attractiveness of the EU membership should be further underpinned by the willingness of EU Institution to provide adequate financial means for the Western Balkan enlargement in the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

Amendment 3

Insert of a new Paragraph 4.2.a.
4.2.a. COSAC recalls that the timely conclusion of the withdrawal agreement and adoption of the political declaration on a framework for future relations is the mutual interest of both the EU27 and the United Kingdom.

Explanation:

Notwithstanding the uncertainties surrounding the state-of-play of Brexit negotiations, the clear demonstration of fair Brexit is required, which includes a mutually advantageous withdrawal agreement and the intention to an unprecedented EU-UK partnership for the future.

Amendment 4

Deletion of Paragraph 6.2.

6.2. COSAC welcomes the Report of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently” and the recent Communication from the European Commission “The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality: Strengthening their role in the EU's policymaking” and the included recommendations to make subsidiarity more active and visible.

Explanation
Technical amendment in order to avoid unnecessary duplications.

Amendment 5

Amendment of Paragraph 6.5.

6.5. COSAC welcomes and 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, including the recommendations to make subsidiarity principle and checks more active and visible. These discussions should cover, inter alia, the possible introduction of a twelve 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.

Explanation
The reformulation of Paragraph 6.5. is required because the deletion of Paragraph 6.2. See in conjunction with Amendment 4.