

FINAL CONCLUSIONS FOR IPEX
MEETING OF SECRETARIES GENERAL
PARIS, 15 DECEMBER 2008

1. The Secretaries General thank the IPEX Board for its work in 2008, and in accordance with the IPEX Guidelines, approves the composition of the 2009 IPEX Board:
 - Denmark (Chair)
 - The national parliaments hosting the previous, current and upcoming Conference of the Speakers of European Union Parliaments [France, Sweden and Belgium].
 - Italy
 - The United Kingdom
 - Finland
 - Germany
 - Portugal
 - Hungary
 - The European Parliament
 - COSAC and the ECPRD (associate members)
2. The Secretaries General recall the conclusions of the Speakers Conference in Lisboa, which encouraged national parliaments to include summaries in English or French and other languages of important decisions
3. The Secretaries General agree that the utility of IPEX would be greatly enhanced if national parliaments ensured that all relevant EU documents are uploaded onto IPEX in a timely fashion. The Secretaries General agree to provide the necessary resources needed to upload parliamentary documents.
4. The Secretaries General acknowledge the new method of exchanging parliamentary documents between national parliaments and IPEX through XML as a means of ensuring the timely and cost effective updating of IPEX. The Secretaries General agree that all national parliaments should strive to implement the system following its introduction in March 2009.
5. The Secretaries General welcome the publication of the responses from the European Commission to the opinions of national parliaments on IPEX. The Secretaries General agree to publish on IPEX their opinions, as well as other relevant documents, at the same time that they are sent to the European Commission.
6. The Secretaries General welcome the initiatives by the European Commission aimed at improving the dialogue between the EU and national parliaments. The Secretaries General ask the European Commission to take appropriate measures to ensure that the functionality of the new website concerning the political dialog between the European Commission and national parliaments does not duplicate the work of IPEX. Where appropriate, the Commission is encouraged to link to IPEX.
7. The Secretaries General ask the European Commission to begin a dialogue with the IPEX Board and Central Support aimed at improving cooperation including mechanisms for the publication of the annual legislative work program and other legislative planning or policy instruments on IPEX.
8. The Secretaries General thank the European Parliament for its continuing contribution to IPEX and would welcome the migration of the existing IPEX database to a new platform which is better suited for a parliamentary database.