

Conference of the Speakers of EU parliaments

DRAFT PRESIDENCY CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO PARLIAMENTS OF NEW AND EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

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1. The EU Speakers welcomed the work performed by the Task Force consisting of representatives of the parliaments of Italy, Denmark and Slovakia regarding the assistance to parliaments of new and emerging democracies.
2. The EU Speakers asked the Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Council of Europe to assess the possibility of tasking the ECPRD (European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation) with the drafting of a project – in cooperation with the IPEX - with the purpose of ensuring the exchange of information on new and emerging democracies' parliaments assistance Europe-wide.
3. The EU Speakers raised an invitation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union to assess the feasibility of a global information network on assistance to new and emerging democracies' parliaments, preferably in cooperation with IPEX and ECPRD.

