



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Brussels, 2 July 2013

Mr. Gediminas Kirkilas
Chairman of the Committee on European
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Dear Colleague,

In Section 5.1. of its Conclusions the XLIX COSAC asks the Lithuanian Presidency to prepare for the appointment of the Permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat for the period 2014 – 2015.

On behalf of the Belgian House of Representatives, we are proud to propose Mr Carlos Demeyere for the aforementioned post. Please, find attached his cover letter and curriculum vitae.

From 1 January 2010 until 30 June 2011, Mr. Demeyere was a member of the COSAC Secretariat and since then he has accompanied the House's delegation to every COSAC meeting (Chairpersons and Plenary).

Moreover, during the last couple of years, Mr. Demeyere has been a very active member of the IPEX Central Support and Board.

Before joining the EU-Department of the House, Mr Demeyere was the Clerk of the Special Committee accompanying the Police Monitoring Committee during the period subsequent to the extremely sensitive reform of the Belgian law enforcement agencies.

In these roles Mr. Demeyere has distinguished himself as someone capable of assessing large amounts of information and, after careful analysis, of clearly identifying the issues that really matter.

We are therefore pleased to recommend Mr. Demeyere for the post of Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

Herman DE CROO
Former speaker of the
Belgian House of Representatives
Former Chairman to the Advisory Committee
on European Affairs

André FLAHAUT
Speaker of the
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Dear Mister Chairman,

During the XLIX COSAC meeting the current Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat, Mrs Libby Kurien, announced that she would not seek reappointment.

In this context, I am grateful to be able to present my application for the post of Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat.

My first element of motivation is my close relationship with COSAC. Indeed, from 1 January 2010 until 30 June 2011 I was a member of the COSAC Secretariat. During that period I had the opportunity of learning a great deal about the practical organization and *modus operandi* of the Secretariat. From 1 July 2011, I have been present at every meeting of the COSAC Conference (Chairpersons and Plenary). Both these experiences gave me a particularly valuable insight into the “back office” as well as into the “front office” of the Conference.

Secondly, my membership of the IPEX Board and Central Support has enabled me to see what inter-parliamentary co-operation really implies. Indeed, genuine co-operation has got more to do with discussing and negotiating than with imposing rules.


The third element of my motivation is my background in the Committee Department of the Belgian House of Representatives where, for almost a decade, I have been the Clerk of the Special Committee accompanying the Standing Police Monitoring Committee. As this committee sometimes handles extremely sensitive documents and reports regarding the Belgian law enforcement agencies, it is one of the last Committees of the House which still meets in camera. The experience I gathered in this field has taught me to draft concise yet clear reports.

The linguistic element of the post should not be an obstacle when one takes into account that I graduated as a master in translation (English – Spanish) on the one hand and that, being an official of a federal Belgian legislative assembly, I am officially bilingual (Dutch – French) on the other hand.

For further elements of my biography, I kindly refer to my curriculum vitae I enclose herewith.

I sincerely hope that these elements will convince you that I make a good candidate for the post of Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat.

Yours truly,



Carlos Demeyere

CURRICULUM VITAE

Carlos DEMEYERE

Family status

- Born on 14 June 1958 at 8890 MOORSLEDE - Belgium
- Married on 14 June 1985 with Carmen Dessein and father of Paul-Emmanuel (1992), Carl-Philip (1995) and Pierre-Henri (1997)
- Address: Hoogleedsesteenweg 332 – 8800 ROESELARE - Belgium

Work experience in the House of Representatives

- 2009 – present:
 - European Analysis Section: analysis of the European (legislative) texts in particular of these on the “Area of Freedom Security and Justice”
 - member of the COSAC¹ Secretariat (January 2010 – June 2011) during the “Presidency Troika” Spain/Belgium/Hungary: preparation of and EU-wide reporting on the COSAC meetings
 - participation on the COSAC meetings during the Polish, Danish, Cypriot and Irish COSAC Presidencies: accompanying the delegation of the House and reporting on national level
 - member of the IPEX² Board and Central Support
 - IPEX-correspondent: uploading data about the House of Representatives
- 1999 – 2009:
 - Committee Department – Clerk of the Special Committee for the Parliamentary Accompaniment of the Standing Police Monitoring Committee and Second Clerk of the Home Affairs Committee
 - Parliamentary missions with the latter committee: QUEBEC, MADRID/SEVILLA, LONDON, ZAGREB/SARAJEVO, VIENNA, BERLIN and ROME
- 1993 – 1999: *Questure* - General Affairs Department (purchasing and logistics)
- 1990 – 1993: *Questure* - Infrastructure Department (responsible for maintenance and invoice handling)

Work experience in the Ministry of Home Affairs

- 1987 – 1990: National register – Regional Delegate for the provinces of Western- and Eastern-Flanders and Population Inspector for the province of Eastern-Flanders
- 1981 – 1987: Conscientious Objectors’ Department – Sections Payments and General Administration

Participation in extra-parliamentary activities

- different *Joint Committee Meetings* and *Joint Parliamentary Meetings* at the European Parliament

¹ Conférence des organes parlementaires spécialisés dans les affaires de l'Union des parlements de l'Union européenne

² EU Interparliamentary Exchange

- September 2008: in charge of the topic on « *Contrôle parlementaire des services de police* » of the programme « *Le parlement et les organes de contrôle et d'avis* » at the *Assemblée nationale* in KINSHASA (RDC) in the framework of the development agreement between the House and the *Assemblée nationale* of the *République démocratique du Congo*
- June and October 2006: in charge of the topic on « *La corruption : réalités et moyens de lutte nationaux et internationaux* » of the programme « *Bonne gouvernance et missions du parlement* » in the framework of the 9th EDF³ of the European Union at respectively the *Assemblée nationale* and the *Sénat* in ANTANANARIVO (Madagascar)

Military service

- 1980 – 1981: 16th Medical Company – Lüdenscheid (Germany) - paramedic

Education

- several courses in - among others - administrative sciences and administrative and constitutional law
- University: 1976 – 1980: Rijksuniversitair Centrum ANTWERPEN – College for Translators and Interpretors – Licence (now: master) in Translation (English and Spanish)
- Secondary school: 1970 – 1976: Klein Seminarie – ROESELARE – Latin-Greek

Languages (on 5)

	speak	read	write
Dutch	5	5	5
French	4,5	4,5	4,5
English	4	4	4
Spanish	2,5	4	3,5
German	3	4	3
Italian	2,5	3,5	2,0

Hobbies

- history of the Great War (February 2010 – March 2012: member of the Board of the *Western Front Association*-Belgian branch)
- reading (non-fiction)

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³ *European Development Fund*