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Maltese delegation participates in the LXXIV COSAC Plenary Meeting in Copenhagen

A Maltese parliamentary delegation composed of Hon. Edward Zammit Lewis and Hon. Bernard Grech participated in the LXXIV COSAC Plenary Meeting that took place in Copenhagen between 30 November and 2 December 2025. The meeting formed part of the parliamentary dimension of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and brought together representatives from national parliaments of EU Member States alongside Members of the European Parliament.

The programme commenced with opening addresses from Mr Lars-Christian Brask, Deputy Speaker of the Danish Parliament, and Ms Brigitte Klinskov Jerkel, chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of Denmark. The agenda featured a series of thematic sessions reflecting the strategic challenges facing the Union. The first session examined the direction set by the Danish Presidency under the theme “A Strong Europe in a Changing World”, with an intervention by Denmark’s Minister for European Affairs, Ms Marie Bjerre. Hon. Zammit Lewis intervened by noting that a stronger Europe is also a more competitive Europe, and emphasised that Malta’s constitutional neutrality has never rendered it passive, as demonstrated by its firm stance on the Russian aggression against Ukraine. He also underscored the importance of Mediterranean security as a shared European priority, noting the region’s central role in migration management, maritime stability and energy security. The developments in the Mediterranean continue to have a direct impact on wider European stability and therefore required sustained engagement and solidarity.

The second session focused on EU Trade Policy in an Uncertain World, with contributions from Mr Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Denmark’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Maroš Šefčovič, Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security. During the panel debate on the green transition of a competitive European agri-food sector, Hon. Grech emphasised the crucial role farmers play to sustain Maltese communities and provide food and provide food security for the country. He also highlighted the importance of maintaining a balanced approach to the green and digital transitions that takes account of the particular realities of smaller Member States.

During the final thematic sessions addressed EU Enlargement, Hon. Zammit Lewis underlined Malta’s continued support for a credible enlargement policy based on merit, preparedness and effective institutional reform, while emphasising the need for cohesion across Member States as the Union prepares for future accessions.

The meeting concluded on Tuesday with the adoption of the new COSAC Rules of Procedure and the approval of the conference’s Conclusions.