

Conference on the Democratic Oversight of Intelligence Services
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Joint concluding remarks

As read out by the LIBE Chair on behalf of the 4 co-Chairs

The Chairs of the parliamentary bodies co-organising the Conference on the Democratic Oversight of Intelligence Services in the European Union, held on 28th and 29th May 2015, in the European Parliament in Brussels,

In light of the experience obtained in the meetings that were held in Rome, Bucharest, Lisbon, Tallinn, Brussels, and Berlin,

Considering the strategic importance of intelligence and security services for the security of the democratic constitutional state, and of the parliamentary oversight of such services to ensure respect of fundamental rights and liberties and efficiency of the intelligence and security services;

Aware that the increase in the exchange of information and international cooperation between EU Member States and between Member States and third countries calls for increased cooperation also at the level of democratic oversight of intelligence activities, which is still only conducted at national level;

Welcome the existing tools of cooperation among oversight bodies, for instance the European Network of National Intelligence Reviewers (ENNIR), and consider that their use should be supported and increased, possibly by making use of the potential of IPEX for the exchange of information between National Parliaments, in compliance with its scope and technical capacity;

Declare their intention to convene a follow-up conference in 2 years' time.