

*Courtesy Translation*

Mr Speaker,

We have received your letter with which you express your dissenting opinion, under Article 5 of the Guidelines of the Conference of EU Speakers, concerning a specific point of the Conclusions of the Speakers' Conference held in Rome on 20-21 April last.

In this respect, we wish to inform you that your letter was immediately published on the website of the Speakers' Conference, together with the other documents related to the Rome Conference.

As to the substance of your observations, Mr Speaker, we wish to recall that the Presidency Conclusions are prepared under the sole responsibility of the Presidency and are not formally voted upon. Under Article 5 of the above-mentioned Guidelines they shall reflect the common view of the Conference and be adopted by consensus. Such consensus need not encompass every single section of the Conclusions, as can be inferred from the wording of Article 5, paragraph 2, whereby "the Presidency and any of the Conference's members may make public opinions and points of view expressed during meetings. Should they do so, they should state clearly that these opinions have not been confirmed by the Conference as a whole", a possibility you have availed yourself of by sending your letter.

The Italian Presidency has fully taken account of the different stances expressed during the proceedings and many of the amendments submitted by several delegations, including some proposals of the Hungarian National Assembly, were incorporated in the final text of the Conclusions.



Unfortunately, however, the Hungarian proposal and the subsequent compromise proposal submitted by yourself on the first sentence of point 3 of the Section on the “Continent of fundamental rights” could not be adopted as they were not supported by other parliaments, which instead endorsed the wording proposed by the Italian presidency.

Yours Very Truly

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*President of the Senate of the Republic*

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