International workshop

DISTRIBUTION OF POWER AND VOTING PROCEDURES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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European Center Natolin

October 12 (Friday)

Welcoming remarks: Marek A. CICHOCKI, Program Director, European Centre Natolin ● Opening address: Ewa OŚNIECKA-TAMECKA, former Secretary of State for European Integration, Poland

Session I (Chair: Karol ŻYCZKOWSKI)

Jesús Mario BILBAO. The distribution of power in the European cluster game ● Mika WIDGRÉN. Strategic power in the EU Council in consultation and co-decision procedures ● Madeleine O. HOSLI. Explaining voting behaviour in the Council of the European Union

Session II (Chair: Werner KIRSCH)

Axel MOBERG. Is the double majority really double? The second round in the debate of the voting rules in the EU Constitutional Treaty • Běla PLECHANOVOVÁ. The relevance of the voting rules in the EU Council: what can we learn about the decision-making in the Council after the first eastern enlargement from the empirical data? • Rafał TRZASKOWSKI. The patterns of voting in the Council of Ministers of the European Union. The impact of 2004 enlargement. • Tadeusz SOZAŃSKI. Blocking minorities and the distribution of blocking power in voting systems used by or designed for the EU Council

Session III (Chair: Gianfranco GAMBARELLI)

Vincent MERLIN. Majority efficient representation of the citizens in a federal Union
■ Wojciech SŁOMCZYŃSKI. From a toy model to the double square-root voting system ■ Ines LINDNER. Power measures in large weighted voting games: some implications for the EU Council of Ministers ■Antti PAJALA. The computation of voting power

October 13 (Saturday)

Session IV (Chair: Hannu Nurmi)

Moshé MACHOVER. Penrose's square-root rule and the EU Council of Ministers – significance of the quota ● Werner KIRSCH. On the square root law by Penrose and beyond ● Stefan NAPEL. Equal representation in a median voter world

Session V (Chair: Moshé Machover)

Hannu NURMI. Observations on agenda-based voting procedures ● Gianfranco GAMBARELLI. Electoral systems, multicameral cohesion majorities and Europe ● Dennis LEECH. Some properties of the qualified majority voting provisions of the EU constitutional treaty under various enlargement scenarios ● Marcin MALAWSKI. Equality in multicameral voting

Session VI (Chair: Běla Plechanovová)

Friedrich PUKELSHEIM. A parliament of degressive representativeness? • Silvia FEDELI. The constitutional power of the voting owners in the European Parliament • Victoriano RAMIREZ-GONZÁLEZ. Allotment the seats of the European Parliament: the parabolic method

Closing remarks Karol ŻYCZKOWSKI, Scientific Coordinator of the workshop, and Marek A. CICHOCKI, Program Director, European Center Natolin