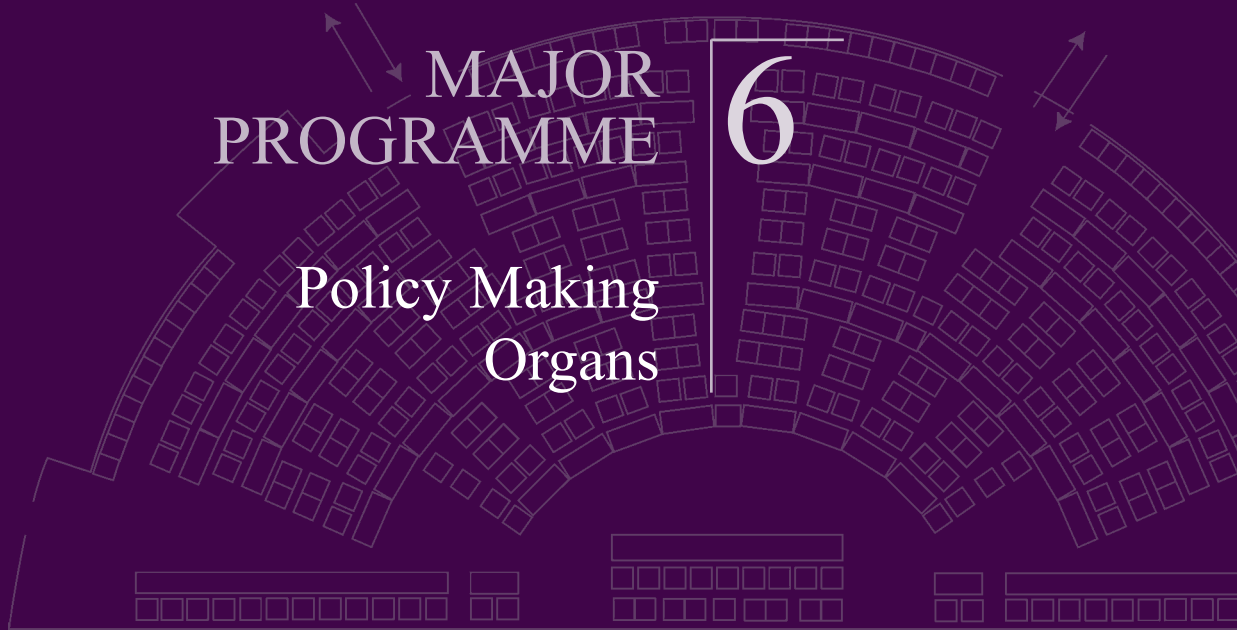




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The Commission held three sessions in 2002. It was chaired for the first six months by HE Ambassador Abdul Bin Rindap, Permanent Representative of Nigeria, and for the second half of the year by HE Ambassador Liviu Aurelian Bota, Permanent Representative of Romania.

The Commission's subsidiary bodies, Working Group A (WGA), Working Group B (WGB) and the Advisory Group, each met three times in 2002. WGA, chaired by HE Ambassador Tibor Tóth (Hungary), made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on administrative and budgetary matters, including human resources issues. WGB, chaired by Mr Ola Dahlman (Sweden), continued its consideration of verification related issues over three sessions each of three weeks' duration. The first week of each session was devoted to discussions on the draft OSI Operational Manual. The recommendations of WGB, subsequently adopted by the Commission, addressed,

inter alia, the content of the 2002 and 2003 verification work programmes. WGB also reviewed the report of the evaluation by external experts of the implementation of the IMS Major Programme and agreed to a similar evaluation of the OSI Major Programme, to take place in 2003. The Advisory Group, chaired by Mr André Gué (France), considered and provided advice on financial, budgetary and administrative issues.

For 2003, the Commission decided on a reduction in the number of its sessions and those of its subsidiary bodies to two each.