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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 66**

**Draft opinion**

**Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski**

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on the Annual Report 2014 on subsidiarity and proportionality  
(2015/2283(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015 *with the aim of ensuring that EU legislation better serves the interests of citizens, and welcomes the agreement reached in December 2015 between the Commission, Council and Parliament on the new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation;*

Or. es

**Amendment 3**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *believes however* that *material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed*;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *recalls* that *every Commission proposal is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum setting out inter alia how the initiative complies with the principle of subsidiarity and the principle of proportionality*;

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. *Welcomes* the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *believes however* that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles *should be proposed*;

*Amendment*

1. *Notes* the package of better regulation measures adopted *by the Commission* on 19 May 2015; *reiterates the view it has repeatedly expressed* that *the material criteria necessary for a consistent preventive examination of the subsidiarity and proportionality of EU legislation do not currently exist and emphasises the need for these criteria, which are indispensable* for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles, *to be given specific form at EU level*;

Or. de

**Amendment 5**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015 *and particularly the introduction of roadmaps that include an initial justification for action related to subsidiarity and proportionality principles; equally welcomes the inclusion in the better regulation package of a more thorough explanation of how the legislative proposal meets the legal obligations of subsidiarity and proportionality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; *believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015 *and supports a stronger, more efficient European Union; underlines however that this package must be used to create robust European legislation concerning issues where real progress and added value can be best achieved at the European level and must not result in inaction at the European level;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Constance Le Grip**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material ***criteria for establishing the existence of a violation*** of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that ***criteria that are more material to ensuring strict observance*** of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed; ***adds that care needs to be taken to prevent any ‘gold-plating’ of EU legislation by Member States and that national parliaments have a genuine role to play here;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles ***should be proposed;***

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles ***are difficult to define as these are matter for political judgement;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Mercedes Bresso**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better

regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;

regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material **and simplified** criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;

Or. en

### **Amendment 10**

**Max Andersson**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Draft opinion*

1. ***Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015;*** believes ***however*** that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;

###### *Amendment*

1. Believes that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed ***within the package of better regulation measures;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 11**

**Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed;

###### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes the package of better regulation measures adopted on 19 May 2015; believes however that material criteria for establishing the existence of a violation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles should be proposed; ***calls the Commission acting together with Member States to propose a package of improvement to make***

*reasoned opinion procedure more effective by including a principle of proportionality in the procedure;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Strongly underlines that impact assessments are a key instrument to ensure the respect of subsidiarity and proportionality principles and promote accountability; encourages the European Commission to put a greater focus on subsidiarity and proportionality when conducting its impact assessments in the framework of the better regulation guidelines;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Recalls that no EU legislation can be adopted without the approval in the Council of a qualified majority of national ministers accountable to national parliaments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Max Andersson**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. ***Regrets the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014***; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, ***this*** might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. Takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, ***the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014*** might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. ***Regrets*** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; ***takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission***;

*Amendment*

2. ***Notes*** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; ***this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission; but might also reflect the fact that a failure to respect subsidiarity is rarely a problem***;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Regrets the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. Regrets the **significant** decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission; **nevertheless encourages national parliaments to play a more active part in the European debate and to cooperate even more closely with each other;**

Or. es

**Amendment 17**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. **Regrets** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, **far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part**, this **might be the** result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. **Notes** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that this **is a** result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

Or. de

**Amendment 18**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. **Regrets** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. **Notes** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission ***towards the end of its term of office***;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Constance Le Grip**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. **Regrets** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; ***takes note of*** the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this ***might be*** the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. **Notes** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; ***shares*** the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this ***is*** the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission, ***as the volume of reasoned opinions remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 20**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos, Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Regrets the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. Regrets the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission; ***urges for the immediate initiation of a dialogue between national parliaments and the Commission, seeking to clarify the reasons for this decrease;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Regrets the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. Regrets the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission; ***calls the Commission to improve the quality of the Commission's explanatory statement memorandums on subsidiarity and its engagement with reasoned opinion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. **Regrets** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

*Amendment*

2. **Observes** the decrease in the number of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014; takes note of the Commission's view that, far from reflecting a decrease in interest on their part, this might be the result of the declining number of legislative proposals from the Commission;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Notes also that only 15 Chambers issued reasoned opinions in 2014 and that this represents a decrease of approximately 50% in the participation of the 41 Chambers in all compared to 2013;**

Or. de

**Amendment 24**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Welcomes the fact that in 2014, all EU institutions played an active role in ensuring the control of the principle of subsidiarity and proportionality according to Article 5 of the TEU; notes positively that the political dialogue between the European Commission and the national**

*parliaments was enhanced including through the various visits of EU Commissioners to national parliaments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Notes, however, that a majority of opinions by national parliaments are submitted by only a few national chambers; encourages the other chambers to become more involved in the European debate;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;*

*deleted*

**Amendment 27**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, *nevertheless*, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; *stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;*

*Amendment*

3. Believes that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange;

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; *stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation*

*Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; *encourages, in that sense, the inter-parliamentary cooperation to reinforce the role of national parliaments in the EU legislative process; stresses the importance of a better use of the inter-parliamentary tools that are at the national parliaments'*

*of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;*

*disposal such as the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for EU Affairs, the inter-parliamentary meetings held by the European Parliament or the Conference for Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

*Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange, *especially where reasoned opinions are formulated, for example through the creation of an IT platform that can be accessed by EU citizens also*; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

Or. it

**Amendment 30**  
**Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, ***nevertheless***, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments ***on subsidiarity issues*** and to ***support them with tools permitting information exchange***; ***stresses that, especially since*** the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, ***a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process***;

*Amendment*

3. Believes, ***therefore***, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments ***regarding their specific role in European decision making*** and to ***promote further the use of IPEX which facilitates information exchange***; ***recalls that the public consultations regularly organized by the Commission could be a source of information, but remain largely unused by members of national parliaments***; ***notes that*** the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals;

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; ***stresses that, especially since*** the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, ***a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process***;

*Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; ***welcomes the commitment of the European Commission to its 'Evaluate First' approach, but stresses that*** the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals ***despite the use of this policy-making approach***;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, *nevertheless*, that it is important to *raise the awareness of* national parliaments on subsidiarity issues *and to support them* with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

*Amendment*

3. Believes, that it is important to *support* national parliaments on subsidiarity issues with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Constance Le Grip**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments *on* subsidiarity *issues* and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; *stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;*

*Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to *continue to* raise the awareness of national parliaments *of their key role in regard to monitoring observance of the* subsidiarity *principle* and to support them with tools permitting information exchange;

Or. fr

## Amendment 34

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for *the participation* of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

##### *Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national ***and regional*** parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for ***a better involvement*** of national parliaments ***and, where appropriate, regional parliaments with legislative powers,*** in the EU legislative process;

Or. en

## Amendment 35

Mercedes Bresso

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be

##### *Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be

developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process, *fully respecting however the competences of each institution and the principle of subsidiarity*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 36**

**Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Draft opinion*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

###### *Amendment*

3. Believes, nevertheless, that it is important to raise the awareness of national parliaments on subsidiarity issues and to support them with tools permitting information exchange; stresses that, especially since the volume of reasoned opinions received from national parliaments in 2014 remained unchanged in proportion to the number of Commission proposals, a mechanism should be developed for the *improved* participation of national parliaments in the EU legislative process;

Or. es

### **Amendment 37**

**Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 3 a (new)**

###### *Draft opinion*

###### *Amendment*

*3a. Stresses that in Member States with a federal state structure, regional legislators have an important role to play in the preventive review of EU legislation, but their involvement through Protocol No 2*

*on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality has hitherto only been inadequately addressed; expresses its astonishment that the Commission clearly intends to abandon the forms of direct communication between the Commission and the regions with legislative powers that were established on the basis of the Commission communication 'A Citizen's Agenda: Delivering results for Europe' [COM/2006/0211] and to resort to a formalised procedure pursuant to Article 6 of Protocol No 2; calls on the Commission to maintain and develop regular and direct consultation with legislators at regional level in the framework of the 'political dialogue';*

Or. de

**Amendment 38**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls on the national parliaments and the European Parliament to engage more effectively with each other including by developing informal contacts between MEPs and national parliamentarians regarding specific policy areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended ***significantly***;

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national ***and regional*** parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended ***to at least 12 weeks***;

Or. de

**Amendment 40**  
**Sylvie Goulard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality ***should be extended significantly***;

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality ***is sufficient to allow national parliaments to participate to a greater extent, without delaying the adoption of relevant legislation***;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the

principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended significantly;

principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended significantly; ***takes the view that such an extension should in particular be accorded where at least one reasoned opinion is formulated by a Member State;***

Or. it

**Amendment 42**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be ***extended significantly;***

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be ***measured flexibly, recalling that any modification of the deadline may necessarily imply a change to the Treaties;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be ***extended significantly;***

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be ***interpreted flexibly;***

**Amendment 44****Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom****Draft opinion****Paragraph 4***Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be *extended significantly*;

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be *applied flexibly in order to foster more active participation by national parliaments in the European debate; notes that consideration will need to be given to extending the current deadline for national parliaments before the next modification of the Treaties*;

Or. es

**Amendment 45****Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann****Draft opinion****Paragraph 4***Draft opinion*

4. *Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments* to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality *should be extended significantly*;

*Amendment*

4. *Stresses that national parliaments are given a period of eight weeks* to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; *recalls that in addition it is possible for the national parliaments to raise subsidiarity concerns at any time under the consultation procedure or in the framework of political dialogue through an opinion addressed to the Commission*;

**Amendment 46**  
**Max Andersson**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended significantly;

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended significantly ***and that the thresholds defined in Article 7(2) of the Protocol to trigger a so-called "yellow card" should be lowered;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Believes that the period of*** eight weeks given to ***national parliaments*** to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality ***should be extended*** significantly;

*Amendment*

4. ***Takes note of the request made by a number of national parliaments to extend the eight weeks period*** given to ***them*** to issue a reasoned opinion under ***the*** Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; ***believes that since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, the involvement of national parliaments in EU affairs has developed*** significantly ***including by linking up with other national parliaments on a regular basis; strongly encourages national parliaments to make fully use of the role they are***

*given by the existing treaties;*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Believes that*** the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended significantly;

*Amendment*

4. ***Considers that if*** the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality should be extended significantly ***this would imply Treaty change;***

Or. en

**Amendment 49**

**Constance Le Grip**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality ***should be extended significantly;***

*Amendment*

4. Believes that the period of eight weeks given to national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality ***is appropriate;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 50**

**Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Recalls that the so-called yellow and orange card procedures concerning the principle of subsidiarity exist since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and that the yellow card procedure has already been used multiple times; believes that an equivalent so-called yellow and red card system should be created for the European Parliament to allow it to react when Member States legislate in domains which are within the competencies of the Single Market, or alternatively if Member States do not correctly implement European directives, which fragments the Single Market and results in a lack of level playing field;***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.***

***deleted***

**Amendment 52**  
**Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.*

*deleted*

**Amendment 53**  
**Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be*

*5. Believes that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as a positive and constructive means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process; considers that as part of the same package, the two co-legislators should be granted the right of initiative;*

*considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 54**

**Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Considers that *the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.*

##### *Amendment*

5. Considers that *all institutions involved in the legislative process should redouble their efforts to guarantee control of the subsidiarity principle; takes the view, finally, that it would be useful to know the Commission’s opinion on the idea of a ‘green card’ aimed at raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 55**

**Cristian Dan Preda**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Considers that the Commission should *provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the*

##### *Amendment*

5. Considers that the Commission should *reflect on the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; takes note of the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role; believes that this role could be*

*Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.*

*strengthened by using the existing mechanisms in the treaties more effectively; recommends to further use the network of representatives of national parliaments to raise the awareness about the subsidiarity and proportionality principles and to improve the functioning of IPEX that should be considered as an indispensable tool for raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.*

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by *proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered*; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

*Amendment*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by *more formally including national parliaments in the EU's legislative procedure*; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Claudia Tapardel, Mercedes Bresso**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to ***withdraw or amend its proposal*** when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be ***considered as one*** means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

*Amendment*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to ***take an official position on the*** proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be ***assessed in-depth, including as a*** means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Max Andersson**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, ***by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered***; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

*Amendment*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a 'green card' should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national ***and, where appropriate, regional*** parliaments ***with legislative powers*** in the EU legislative process.

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Richard Corbett**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to *the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time,* that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

*Amendment*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to *contributors from national parliaments and* that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos, Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by *a number of* national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by *some* national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and

*Amendment*

5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national

activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.

parliaments in the EU legislative process.

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Constance Le Grip**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

***5. Considers that the Commission should provide an adequate response to the request by a number of national chambers for a stronger subsidiarity control procedure; supports the request made by some national chambers to play a more crucial role, by proposing that the Commission should be bound to withdraw or amend its proposal when a yellow card is triggered; believes, at the same time, that the idea of a ‘green card’ should be considered as one means of raising the participation and activity of national parliaments in the EU legislative process.***

*Amendment*

***5. Takes notes of the request by national chambers that their role in the subsidiarity control procedure be strengthened; considers that it is for all the EU institutions to provide an adequate response by stepping up information exchange to enable strict application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 62**  
**Morten Messerschmidt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***Considers that the role of national parliaments in monitoring EU political and legislative process should be increased; believes that the speaker of the national parliament in the country holding the Council presidency along with the President of the European Parliament***

*Amendment*

*should be invited to address the European Council prior to each of its meetings.*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Stresses that the adoption of legal acts requires the agreement of a large majority within the Council, comprising the national ministers of all EU Member States, who are politically accountable to their national parliaments, and thus in that way too the principle of subsidiarity is fully respected;*

Or. de

**Amendment 64**  
**Max Andersson**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Underlines the huge potential impact of EU-level decisions that the conclusion of international trade agreements such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) may have on the capacity of regional and local self-government, including on decisions on services of general economic interest; calls on the Commission and on the Council to take full account of the principles of*

*subsidiarity and proportionality when negotiating international trade agreements and to report to Parliament their potential effects on subsidiarity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Morten Messerschmidt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Proposes enhancing inter-parliamentary cooperation in order that the potential of the Lisbon Treaty be harnessed to serve subsidiarity and democracy through the informal organisation, with support from COSAC, of a council of national parliaments: 1) all draft EU acts would be debated there by networked national parliaments; 2) this would enable them to assume fully their paramount responsibility in regard to sovereign powers, in particular: movement of persons, visas, asylum and immigration, police and judicial cooperation, citizenship, foreign affairs and defence, government revenue and expenditure, law and criminal law procedure, cultural matters, particularly in regard to language, the family and education, religious affairs, challenging ethical, moral or philosophical issues, fundamental political freedoms (freedom of opinion, freedom of the press, freedom to hold meetings, etc.), electoral law, law and social security schemes; 3) it would enable efficient monitoring of the work of the EU Councils of Ministers through specific committees for each council of ministers; 4) more generally, it would ensure efficiency in horizontal exchanges between national parliaments, including the sharing of good democratic practices, such as the mandate for negotiation some*

*national parliaments give their ministers prior to Council meetings or the prior consultation of parliamentary chambers before any activation by the European Union of a passerelle clause or any implementation of a simplified Treaty change procedure.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 66**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Recommends that, in order to ensure maximum participation of European citizens in the EU legislative process, consideration be given to the possibility of a European referendum, amending the Treaties if necessary, where reasoned opinions represent at least two thirds of the votes allocated to the national parliaments; notes that a negative outcome to the referendum would lead to withdrawal by the Commission of its proposal.*

Or. it