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Draft report
Danuta Maria Hübner
(PE575.118v03-00)

on the conclusion of an Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making
between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the
European Commission
(2016/2005(ACI))

Amendment 1
Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the report of the
Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A8-
0000/2016),**

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 2
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Aa. having regard to the large number of
European legal acts currently in force:
31 665 legislative acts, including 1 712
directives and 12 310 binding regulations,
plus those legal acts at the 'pending'
stage: 2 344 proposals for legislative acts
and 644 proposals for non-legislative acts;***

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Ab. having regard to the highly topical
significance of the Council's statement
made in its Laeken Declaration of
15 December 2001, according to which:***

'[Citizens] want the European institutions to be less unwieldy and rigid and, above all, more efficient and open. Many also feel that the Union should involve itself more with their particular concerns, instead of intervening, in every detail, in matters by their nature better left to Member States' and regions' elected representatives. This is even perceived by some as a threat to their identity.

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas a large proportion of European legislative activity is now completely invisible as a result of the 2 500 or so delegated acts per year which are general in scope and over 500 of which are in fact of a legislative nature, in violation of the provisions of Article 290 ff. TFEU, and whereas they should therefore be adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure (codecision); whereas this situation is extremely damaging in terms of the requirements of transparency, subsidiarity and, in a more general sense, democratic legitimacy of EU law, which is today lacking;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Ad. having regard to the urgent need for a drastic reduction in the number of European standards and, with this in mind, a deadline and target figures for EU institutions, which should apply this excellent formula: 'for each new standard created, two old standards deleted';

Or. fr

Amendment 6

Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee and various national parliaments have expressed their views on the Commission's Communication on Better regulation for better results – An EU agenda (COM(2015)0215), the above-mentioned Commission proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation or the consensus reached between the institutions on a new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making;

Amendment

B. whereas the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee and various national parliaments have expressed their views on the Commission's Communication on Better regulation for better results – An EU agenda (COM(2015)0215), the above-mentioned Commission proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation or the consensus reached between the institutions on a new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making; ***whereas many European and national trade unions and civil-society organisations criticised the Commission proposal in a joint letter of 3 June 2015 to the President of the European Parliament and insisted that no weakening of the legislative position of the European Parliament should be permitted, nor should that power be politically subject to preconditions, that the influence of undertakings on EU legislation must not be increased and that EU legislation must not consequently be geared to a race to the bottom in EU***

standards;

Or. de

Amendment 7

Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas on 16 December 2015 the Conference of **President** endorsed the provisional agreement that had been reached between negotiators of the three institutions on 8 December 2015 on the wording of a new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making ("the new IIA");

Amendment

E. whereas on 16 December 2015, ***after a debate in which opinion was sharply divided***, the Conference of **Presidents** endorsed ***by a majority vote*** the provisional agreement that had been reached between negotiators of the three institutions on 8 December 2015 on the wording of a new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making ("the new IIA");

Or. de

Amendment 8

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the new IIA is without prejudice to the 2010 Framework Agreement;

Amendment

G. whereas, ***in accordance with the declaration of the European Parliament and the Commission set out in Annex II***, the new IIA is without prejudice to the 2010 Framework Agreement, ***which should therefore be amended and/or adapted only where strictly necessary following the entry into force of the new IIA, with the aim of appropriately safeguarding the European Parliament's position and prerogatives;***

Or. pt

Amendment 9

Pascal Durand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes** the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a good basis for establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Amendment

1. **Considers that** the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a good basis for establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Or. fr

Amendment 10

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a good basis for establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a good basis for establishing **and developing** a new, **more open and transparent** relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes** the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a **good basis for** establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Amendment

1. **Notes** the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a **first step in** establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a good basis for establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the agreement reached between the institutions and considers this a good basis for establishing a new relationship between them with a view to delivering better law-making in the interest of the Union's citizens; **considers that better law-making in the interests of the Union's citizens can also mean more regulation, inter alia in the fields of common social, consumer protection, environmental and civil-society challenges and interests within the European Union and its Member States and a harmonisation of national disparities in legislation;**

Or. de

Amendment 13
Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Deeply regrets, in the context of better law-making, that negotiations on the IIA failed to follow established practice in terms of a committee procedure in the European Parliament; believes that the manner in which the negotiations were conducted undermines the democratic legitimacy of the agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Regards it as a task derived from Treaty obligations to act to overcome a legislative standstill or blocking or undermining of legislation in the field of social, environmental and consumer protection standards;

Or. de

Amendment 15
Pascal Durand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that an agreement on 'better legislation' should first and foremost stress the need to promote and

implement at EU level public policies oriented towards social and environmental justice; considers that continuous-assessment mechanisms operating during the legislative procedure are likely to increase the bureaucracy and inertia of European institutions rather than improve the quality of European legislation;

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes in particular the results of the negotiations as regards multiannual interinstitutional programming, the Commission's follow-up to Parliament's legislative initiatives, and the provision of justifications for and consultations on envisaged withdrawals of legislative proposals; also welcomes the agreed interinstitutional exchange of views in the event that a modification of the legal basis of an act is envisaged;

Amendment

2. Welcomes *a number of elements contained in the agreement which represent a first step in ensuring that legislation is clear and simple and that it will have a positive impact on citizens' lives with proportionate and bearable costs*; *notes* in particular the results of the negotiations as regards multiannual interinstitutional programming, the Commission's follow-up to Parliament's legislative initiatives, and the provision of justifications for and consultations on envisaged withdrawals of legislative proposals; also welcomes the agreed interinstitutional exchange of views in the event that a modification of the legal basis of an act is envisaged;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

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Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes in particular the results of the negotiations as regards multiannual interinstitutional programming, the Commission's follow-up to Parliament's legislative initiatives, and the provision of justifications for and consultations on envisaged withdrawals of legislative proposals; also welcomes the agreed interinstitutional exchange of views in the event that a modification of the legal basis of an act is envisaged;

Amendment

2. Welcomes in particular the results of the negotiations as regards multiannual ***and annual*** interinstitutional programming, the Commission's follow-up to Parliament's legislative initiatives, and the provision of justifications for and consultations on envisaged withdrawals of legislative proposals; also welcomes the agreed interinstitutional exchange of views in the event that a modification of the legal basis of an act is envisaged;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes in particular the results of the negotiations as regards multiannual interinstitutional programming, the Commission's follow-up to Parliament's legislative initiatives, and the provision of justifications for and consultations on envisaged withdrawals of legislative proposals; ***also*** welcomes the agreed interinstitutional exchange of views in the event that a modification of the legal basis of an act is envisaged;

Amendment

2. Welcomes in particular the results of the negotiations as regards multiannual interinstitutional programming, the Commission's follow-up to Parliament's legislative initiatives, and the provision of justifications for and consultations on envisaged withdrawals of legislative proposals; ***stresses that the agreed strong focus on the Commission's work programme cannot be taken to justify any restriction of Parliament's own legislative powers or right of initiative***; welcomes the agreed interinstitutional exchange of views in the event that a modification of the legal basis of an act is envisaged, ***and expresses its strong determination to resist any attempt to undermine the legislative powers of the European Parliament by means of a modification of the legal basis***;

Or. de

Amendment 19

Kostas Chrysogonos, Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Is however concerned that the agreement will make it difficult to put forward new laws, and will thereby result in less regulation rather than better regulation; is equally concerned that the agreement will hamper the ability of the co-legislators to make substantial changes to Commission proposals, thus giving the Commission undue power in the legislative process; underlines that the democratic process must be safeguarded in the implementation of the IIA;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Pascal Durand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Underlines ***the importance of*** the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) ***for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators***; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed (***'gold-***

3. Underlines ***that*** the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) ***confirm legislators' prerogatives and will guarantee public consultation prior to adoption by the Commission of any legislative proposal***; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed (***'gold-plating'***);

plating");

Or. fr

Amendment 21

Kostas Chrysogonos, Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Underlines the importance*** of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating");

Amendment

3. ***Takes note*** of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating"); ***in the same spirit, urges the adoption of appropriate implementation procedures, in order to respect the right of Member States to legislate;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better **identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating")**;

transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia **by establishing, within Parliament, an independent system of ex-post evaluation of the impact of the main Union rules adopted through the ordinary legislative procedure, also in order better to identify national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating")**;

Or. it

Amendment 23

Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Agnes Jongerius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines the importance of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, ***inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating")***;

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3. Underlines the importance of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation; ***believes that impact assessments must be comprehensive, that there must be a balanced evaluation of economic, social, health and environmental consequences, in particular, and that the impact on the fundamental rights of citizens and on equality between women and men must be assessed***;

Or. en

Amendment 24

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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3. Underlines the importance of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; ***stresses the importance of taking into account, and paying attention to, the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) at all stages of the legislative cycle; underlines that, in accordance with the Commission guidelines of 19 May 2015^{1a}, the assessment of the impact on SMEs shall be included in impact assessment reports and calls on the Commission to provide supplementary information on this practice***; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that ***are not required by*** the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating"), ***and expects Member States to clearly indicate and document such measures***;

^{1a} SWD(2015)111.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines the importance of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that ***bear no relation to*** the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("***gold-plating***");

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 26

Richard Corbett, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines the importance of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better

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identification of national measures that **bear no relation to** the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating");

identification of national measures that **are not required by** the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating");

Or. en

Amendment 27

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 28

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines the importance of the provisions of the new IIA on better law-making tools (impact assessments, public

Amendment

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and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.) for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating");

and stakeholder consultations, evaluations, etc.), ***which should be used both in the preparatory phase and throughout the entire legislative process***, for a well-informed, inclusive and transparent decision-making process and for the correct application of legislation, whilst safeguarding the prerogatives of the legislators; welcomes the aim of improving the implementation and application of Union legislation, inter alia through better identification of national measures that bear no relation to the Union legislation that is to be transposed ("gold-plating"); ***believes that the concept of "gold-plating" must be understood as meaning any measure that exceeds minimum requirements***;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Anthea McIntyre, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Is concerned that the wording in relation to impact assessments in no way commits the three Institutions to include SMEs and competitiveness tests in their impact assessments notwithstanding that this would have helped ensure that companies, and SMEs in particular, are not overburdened by legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Anthea McIntyre, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Believes that thorough impact assessments which comprehensively evaluate compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, and enhanced subsidiarity checks by all Institutions are essential throughout the legislative process and that the inclusion of a subsidiarity check in the agreement would have been a welcome step forward in improving the trust of citizens, who regard the subsidiarity principle as a key aspect of the democratic process;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Regrets that the wording of the agreement does not explicitly indicate that impact assessments should be living documents that must as a matter of course be updated when new significant amendments are introduced during the legislative process;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Notes that the cumulative cost of legislation can result in significant difficulties for businesses and individuals affected by Union rules; expresses regret that that this agreement has failed to address this, and calls on the three institutions to consider the benefits of introducing regulatory offsetting, whereby new rules that add to administrative and regulatory burdens can only be imposed if a corresponding cut in existing burdens can be identified;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

Amendment

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice-President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; ***strongly believes that the establishment of the RSP represents a missed opportunity which should have shown more ambition; believes that an external, independent Regulatory Scrutiny Board involving independent experts throughout the legislative cycle and common to the three institutions should have been agreed upon;*** points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact

assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

Or. en

Amendment 34

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

Amendment

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice-President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; ***recalls that, in its resolution of 27 November 2014 on the revision of the Commission's impact assessment guidelines and the role of the SME test^{1a}, it requested that the independence of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (formerly 'Impact Assessment Board') be strengthened including, in particular, that members of the Board should not be subject to political control;*** points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time ***with a view to achieving a common methodology;***

^{1a} ***Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0069.***

Amendment 35

Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Agnes Jongerius

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 4***Motion for a resolution*

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

Amendment

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice-President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; ***points out that possible impact assessments by the Commission relating to significant amendments by the co-legislators must not replace the political decision-making process; considers, moreover, that they should be carried out in due respect of the balance of powers between the institutions during the ordinary legislative procedure;*** underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time; ***insists that the Regulatory Scrutiny Board has an exclusively advisory role and must not issue binding opinions; observes that greater attention should also be paid to the horizontal dimension, particularly with regard to the horizontal clause (Article 9 TFEU);***

Amendment 36

Richard Corbett, Mercedes Bresso, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice-President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments (***but without giving it a power of veto over legislative proposals, which is a matter for the elected authorities***); points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for

Amendment

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for

exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity to review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time; ***stresses that impact assessments must not in any way impair the sovereign decision-making powers of the arms of the legislative authority, but should rather support them with independent analyses based on the highest scientific standards for use in decision-making;***

Or. de

Amendment 38
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

4. Takes note of the letter of 15 December 2015 from the First Vice President of the Commission on the functioning of the new Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which is to oversee the quality of the Commission's impact assessments; points out that the legislators may also carry out their own impact assessments where they consider this necessary; underlines that, furthermore, the new IIA provides for exchanges of information between the institutions on best practice and methodologies relating to impact assessments, thus providing an opportunity ***for the three institutions to reach agreement on a common methodology and*** review the functioning of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in due time;

Or. pt

Amendment 39

Richard Corbett, Mercedes Bresso, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Welcomes the commitment made that impact assessments should also address the "cost of non-Europe" (i.e. the cost to producers, consumers, workers, administrators and the environment of not adopting necessary legislation);

Or. en

Amendment 40

Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Agnes Jongerius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

5. Takes note of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to reduce administrative burdens; welcomes the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should equitably address the social, environmental and health impacts of proposals in the short and long term; underlines that the Commission should prioritise the development of certain measures and should focus on the quality of legislation and better enforcement of existing legislation rather than on the number of legislative acts; underlines in this regard that costs should not be the decisive factor but that quality of legislation is the only appropriate benchmark and that the REFIT programme must not be used to undermine sustainability or any social, labour, environmental or consumer standards;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Pascal Durand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Underlines*** the ***importance*** of the agreed "***Annual Burden Survey***" as ***a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens***; ***points out*** that the ***feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions***; welcomes ***in this respect*** the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

Amendment

5. ***Is concerned at*** the ***introduction*** of the agreed '***Annual Burden Survey***', as ***this gives rise to the assumption*** that the ***rules would by their nature result in excessive administrative burdens***; ***stresses that this exercise should also take into account the social and environmental benefits of the rules***; welcomes, ***however***, the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises; ***considers that clearer, stricter rules would be more likely to make legislation effective and easier to implement for small and medium-sized enterprises***;

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Underlines*** the ***importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey"*** as a tool to ***help avoid overregulation and*** reduce administrative burdens; ***points out*** that the ***feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation***

Amendment

5. ***Notes*** the ***agreement on "Annual Burden Surveys"*** as a tool to reduce administrative burdens; ***stresses*** that, ***without exception, quantitative targets for burden reduction in individual sectors may be set only if they have been evaluated by the EU Institutions*** on a case-by-case basis ***and*** in close cooperation ***as feasible and***

between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address *the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises*;

worthwhile and if the possibility of any weakening of environmental, consumer protection and social standards can be excluded; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address *ecological, social and economic aspects on an equal footing*;

Or. de

Amendment 43

Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; *points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions*; *welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises*;

Amendment

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; *rejects the establishment of objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors*; *notes the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens*; *emphasises that such assessments must go far beyond the cost assessments which are undertaken and thus also – on at least an equal footing and assigning equal political weight to these aspects – take account of the social benefits of legislative measures and the consequences of failure to act with regard to social, environmental and consumer protection standards*;

Or. de

Amendment 44

Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. **Underlines the importance of** the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

Amendment

5. **Expresses concern about** the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; **underlines the need to focus on efficient and not only quantitative reductions**; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises; **underlines that the goal of reducing the administrative burden should not be used as a pretext for deregulation that weakens social protection, consumer protection, environmental standards, animal welfare standards or social dialogue**;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; **points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions**; welcomes in this

Amendment

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid **and eliminate** overregulation and reduce administrative burdens **in order to monitor, in a clear and transparent manner, the burden** reduction; **urges that the Annual Burden Survey must identify the burdens imposed by individual Commission legislative proposals and acts**

respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

and by individual Member States; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 46

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

Amendment

5. *Welcomes the agreement between the three institutions to cooperate in order to update and simplify legislation and to exchange views thereon prior to the finalisation of the Commission Work Programme;* underlines *in this context* the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens, *which should include a list relating specifically to SMEs*; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; *expects the Commission to propose, on a regular basis, the repeal of legal acts where such repeal is deemed to be necessary*; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as

regards small and medium-sized enterprises; *recognises that appropriate Union legislation can cut administrative burdens for SMEs by replacing 28 divergent sets of rules with a single set of rules for the single market;*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

Amendment

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises, *which are on the receiving end of an administrative burden imposed by EU law estimated by a former Commissioner to amount to EUR 600 billion per year;*

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Richard Corbett, Mercedes Bresso, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the importance of the agreed "Annual Burden Survey" as a tool to help avoid overregulation and reduce administrative burdens; points out that the feasibility and desirability of establishing objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in close cooperation between the institutions; welcomes in this respect the fact that the three institutions have agreed that impact assessments should also address the impact of proposals on administrative burdens, particularly as regards small and medium-sized enterprises;

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Or. en

Amendment 49
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that, in principle, a balanced solution has been found with regard to delegated and implementing acts, ensuring transparency and parity between legislators, but points to the need for a swift agreement on appropriate delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts and a prompt alignment of all basic acts to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon;

Amendment

6. Believes that, in principle, a balanced solution has been found with regard to delegated and implementing acts, ensuring transparency and parity between legislators, but points to the need for a swift agreement on appropriate delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, ***and for a right of call back and control by national parliaments for such acts***, and a prompt alignment of all basic acts to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. fr

Amendment 50
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that, in principle, a balanced solution has been found with regard to delegated and implementing acts, ensuring transparency and *parity between legislators*, but points to the need for a swift agreement on appropriate delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts and a prompt alignment of all basic acts to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon;

Amendment

6. Believes that, in principle, a balanced solution has been found with regard to delegated and implementing acts, ensuring *parity between legislators, even though greater* transparency and *accountability should have been achieved*, but points to the need for a swift agreement on appropriate delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts and a prompt alignment of all basic acts to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that, in principle, a balanced solution has been found with regard to delegated and implementing acts, ensuring transparency and parity between legislators, but points to the need for a swift agreement on appropriate delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts and a prompt alignment of all basic acts to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon;

Amendment

6. Believes that, in principle, a balanced solution has been found with regard to delegated and implementing acts, ensuring transparency and *total and effective* parity between legislators, but points to the need for a swift agreement on appropriate delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts and a prompt alignment of all basic acts to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. it

Amendment 52
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward, **but** considers that they **do not yet establish** a truly equal balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure **in terms of mutual access to information and meetings**; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Amendment

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward; considers, **however**, that they **should be developed further, particularly in terms of mutual access to information and meetings, so as to ensure** a truly equal balance **and equal treatment** between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure, **and to guarantee that the principle of mutual sincere cooperation among institutions is complied with**; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Or. pt

Amendment 53
Pascal Durand, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward, but considers that they do not yet establish a truly equal balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure in terms of mutual access to information and meetings; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Amendment

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward, but considers that they do not yet establish a truly equal balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure in terms of mutual access to information and meetings; **believes that this mutual access should include, on the side of Council, inter alia access to meetings and documents of COREPER and of Working Groups**; warns that the agreed informal exchanges

of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward, but considers that they do not yet establish a truly equal balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure in terms of mutual access to information and meetings; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Amendment

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward, but considers that they do not yet establish a truly equal balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure in terms of mutual access to information and meetings, **and therefore urges that work be done to achieve that balance**; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Acknowledges that the agreed measures to improve the mutual exchange of views and information between Parliament and the Council in their capacity as legislators constitute a step forward, but considers that they do not yet establish a truly equal

Amendment

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balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure in terms of mutual access to information and meetings; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

balance between the legislators throughout the legislative procedure in terms, *inter alia*, of mutual access to information and meetings; warns that the agreed informal exchanges of views should not develop into a new arena of non-transparent interinstitutional negotiations;

Or. de

Amendment 56

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Regrets that the appropriate use of first and second-reading procedures has not been addressed; believes that the practice of conducting trilogues to achieve first-reading agreements may lack transparency and reduce the possibility for citizens and stakeholders to follow and provide input during fast-tracked procedures; calls for improvements to be made to the transparency of Parliament's own procedures, especially in first-reading agreements; believes in this regard that a "cooling-off" period, applied after the conclusion of negotiations, should be further utilised for the completion of an impact assessment and subsidiarity check;

Or. en

Amendment 57

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Recalls that the TFEU establishes an ordinary legislative procedure with three readings; points out that, where Parliament and the Council fully exercise their prerogatives in the legislative procedure, second-reading agreements should be the standard procedure, whereas first-reading agreements should be the exception;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for ***the swift introduction and implementation of*** more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this, ***and is***

particularly concerned that democracy should not be sacrificed to speed, given that European democracy is already defective, and hence that the delegated acts procedure should no longer be misused to pass measures of a legislative nature; calls for a procedure for the right of call back of delegated and implementing acts, to enable national parliaments to monitor measures taken by the Commission using both these types of act;

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this, *in particular with regard to the procedures for adopting delegated and implementing acts, in addition to trilogues, which are increasingly central to the legislative adoption process and which constitute its greatest 'grey area', whereby working documents should also be publicised;*

Or. it

Amendment 61

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this, ***in particular as regards the use of first-reading agreements;***

Or. pt

Amendment 62

Pascal Durand, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this; ***believes that this should include publication of all documents used during trilogue meetings before first-reading agreements are concluded;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

Kostas Chrysogonos, Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the commitment to ensure transparency of legislative procedures, but underlines the need for more concrete provisions and tools to achieve this; ***points out in particular the lack of transparency***

in international negotiations, which may lead to overregulating and conflicting measures; is disappointed that no conclusion was reached on the practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing in the context of the conclusion of international agreements and criteria for the application of Articles 290 and 291 of the TFEU; believes these issues should have been solved before the adoption of the IIA;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 65

Richard Corbett, Mercedes Bresso, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Also believes that *more concrete* arrangements *are needed in order to enhance the* political dialogue with national parliaments;

9. Also believes that *better use should be made of the* arrangements *for* political dialogue with national parliaments;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments;

Amendment

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political ***and legislative*** dialogue with national parliaments ***to enable them finally to assume their full responsibilities vis-à-vis the European process, particularly in the drafting and legitimisation of Union law: a right of legislative initiative ('green card'), a right to issue a binding negative opinion ('red card'), whether by virtue of the subsidiarity principle or by reference to a risk to its own country's very important interests, a right not to participate in European legislation (which does not prevent action by other Member States and permits differentiated forms of cooperation), a right to call back implementing and delegated acts taken by the Commission, and a right of inquiry into European matters;***

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments;

Amendment

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments; ***emphasises the need for greater flexibility in the enforcement of the eight-week deadline for national parliaments to issue a reasoned opinion***

on non-compliance with the principle of subsidiarity; believes that the use of a yellow card by national parliaments should be sufficient reason to suspend the legislative procedure;

Or. pl

Amendment 68

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments;

Amendment

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments; *believes that steps should be taken to facilitate the review by national parliaments of implementing acts and their ability to call for further consideration to be given to them;*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments;

Amendment

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments; *highlights, in this connection, the important role given to national parliaments in the Lisbon Treaty and stresses that, alongside the role which they play in monitoring respect for the principles of subsidiarity and*

proportionality, they can and do make positive contributions in the framework of the political dialogue;

Or. pt

Amendment 70
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments;

Amendment

9. Also believes that more concrete arrangements are needed in order to enhance the political dialogue with national parliaments; *encourages better use of the existing subsidiarity and proportionality mechanisms as laid down in the Treaties;*

Or. en

Amendment 71
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Proposes the development of mechanisms whereby national parliaments are involved in the revision of current European legislation: review of a directive or regulation if a Member State requests it, automatic sunset clause for certain acts after five or ten years, repatriation of a power if, by virtue of the principles of conferral, subsidiarity and proportionality, a national parliament finds that Union intervention is not, in the light of experience, more effective than the intervention of national or local authorities;

Amendment 72

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Regrets that the three institutions have not made a greater commitment with regard to implementation; believes that the European Parliament could have gone further by agreeing to set aside committee time and to undertake analyses of the implementation of legislation applying in their sectors; believes that such evaluation should be supported by the Commission, which should be represented by a senior official during these meetings and should be expected to answer questions in detail;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls for a comprehensive evaluation of the impact that the new IIA will have on the 2010 Framework Agreement and other related existing interinstitutional agreements, bearing in mind the need ***for simplification of*** the architecture of the numerous arrangements regulating interinstitutional relations;

10. Calls for a comprehensive evaluation of the impact that the new IIA will have on the 2010 Framework Agreement and other related existing interinstitutional agreements, bearing in mind the need ***to safeguard the European Parliament's position and prerogatives and simplify*** the architecture of the numerous arrangements regulating interinstitutional relations;

Or. pt

Amendment 74

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that such simplification should be carried through once all practical arrangements to implement the new IIA in its entirety are in place, whereupon the institutions could also evaluate whether adjustments to the new IIA may be necessary in light of experience gained up until that point in time with the implementation of the new IIA;

Amendment

11. Considers that such simplification ***and reduction of red tape in the application of Union legislation*** should be carried through once all practical arrangements to implement the new IIA in its entirety are in place, whereupon the institutions could also evaluate whether adjustments to the new IIA may be necessary in light of experience gained up until that point in time with the implementation of the new IIA;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Bernd Lange

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

11a. Underlines the importance of proper implementation and of ensuring that the commitments given and the deadlines set out in the new IIA are honoured;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 76

Bernd Lange

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that the following issues, in particular, need further follow-up at technical and/or political level:

Amendment

12. Points out that the following issues, in particular, need further follow-up at technical and/or political level, ***with the active involvement of all parliamentary committees having the relevant experience and drawing on their expertise:***

Or. en

Amendment 77

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that the following issues, in particular, need further follow-up at technical and/or political level:

Amendment

12. Points out that the following issues, in particular, ***the*** need further follow-up at technical and/or political level:

Or. en

Amendment 78

Danuta Maria Hübner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

- programming (review of the 2010 Framework Agreement and Parliament's Rules of Procedure);

Amendment

- programming (***technical*** review of the 2010 Framework Agreement and Parliament's Rules of Procedure);

Or. en

Amendment 79
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

- verification of the legal basis of acts (review of the Rules of Procedure to incorporate arrangements for a trilateral exchange of views);

Amendment

- verification of the legal basis of acts (review of the Rules of Procedure to incorporate arrangements for a trilateral exchange of views) ***and of strict compliance with the principle of conferral, whereby 'the Union shall act only within the limits of the competences conferred upon it by the Member States in the Treaties to attain the objectives set out therein' (Article 5(2) TEU) and 'each institution shall act within the limits of the powers conferred on it in the Treaties, and in conformity with the procedures, conditions and objectives set out in them' (Article 13(2) TEU);***

Or. fr

Amendment 80
György Schöpflin
on behalf of the PPE Group
Guy Verhofstadt
on behalf of the ALDE Group
Danuta Maria Hübner
Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – indent 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

- evaluation of the application by the Commission of its Better Regulation Guidelines^{2a} and of the effective functioning of the newly created Regulatory Scrutiny Board, in particular in order to verify, in accordance with paragraph [4], that it operates in an

Amendment

independent manner and that its members are not subject to any political control;

^{2a} SWD(2015)111, 19 May 2015.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- the transparency and coordination of the legislative process (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Amendment

- the transparency, ***democratisation*** and coordination of the legislative process (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, ***composition and transparency of groups of experts (list and CVs of members, their financial interests and external activities, group's agendas and minutes, and exclusion of lobbyists)***, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments, ***facilitation of the exercise by national parliaments of effective upstream and downstream control over legislative negotiations carried out by and with the Union institutions, over compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, over activation of 'passerelle' clauses, the flexibility clause, clauses on the internal market and simplified revision clauses, and over measures taken via implementing and delegated acts***, and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Amendment 82**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 12 – indent 3***Motion for a resolution*

the transparency and coordination of the legislative process (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Amendment

the transparency and coordination of the legislative process (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files ***that can also lead to more direct involvement of citizens in the legislative process***, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Or. it

Amendment 83**György Schöpflin**

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 12 – indent 3***Motion for a resolution*

- the transparency and coordination of the legislative process (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables,

Amendment

- the transparency and coordination of the legislative process (***including the appropriate use of first and second-reading procedures***, practical

transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Or. en

Amendment 84

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- the transparency and coordination of the legislative process (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Amendment

- the transparency and coordination of the legislative process, ***including the use of a "cooling off" period after the conclusion of trilogue negotiations for the completion of an impact assessment and a subsidiarity check*** (practical arrangements for exchanges of views, information-sharing and comparison of time-tables, transparency in the context of trilateral negotiations, development of platforms and tools for the establishment of a joint database on the state of play of legislative files, the provision of information to national parliaments and practical arrangements for cooperation and information-sharing regarding negotiations on, and the conclusion of, international agreements);

Or. en

Amendment 85

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- an evaluation and possible follow up of the independence of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in fulfilling its role in supervising and providing objective advice on respective impact assessments;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- inclusion of a binding target for a 25% reduction by 2020 of the economic costs linked to regulatory burdens for businesses in each policy area, with a longer-term target for halving the burden of existing Union regulations by 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 87

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- delegated and implementing acts (negotiations on delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, the setting-up of a register of delegated acts and alignment of pre-Lisbon acts);

Amendment

- delegated and implementing acts, ***on the basis of Parliament's resolution of 25 February 2014 on follow-up on the delegation of legislative powers and control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers^{3a}*** (negotiations on delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, the setting-up of a register of delegated acts and ***full*** alignment of pre-Lisbon acts);

^{3a} *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2014)0127.*

Or. en

Amendment 88

Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- delegated and implementing acts (negotiations on delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, the setting-up of a register of delegated acts and alignment of pre-Lisbon acts);

Amendment

- delegated and implementing acts (negotiations on delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, the setting-up of a register of delegated acts and alignment of pre-Lisbon acts, ***the right of call back enabling Member States to monitor the content of delegated and implementing acts and the Commission's compliance with the Treaties***);

Or. fr

Amendment 89

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- delegated and implementing acts (negotiations on delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, the setting-up of a register of delegated acts and alignment of pre-Lisbon acts);

Amendment

- delegated and implementing acts (negotiations on delineation criteria for delegated and implementing acts, the setting-up of a register of delegated acts and alignment of pre-Lisbon acts, ***and specific measures to ensure greater transparency and accountability of the procedures and actors involved***);

Or. en

Amendment 90

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- further consolidation of the principle of subsidiarity by ensuring that it is always applied by Parliament, which requires substantial changes to be made to the Rules of Procedure;

Or. pl

Amendment 91

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Guy Verhofstadt

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Danuta Maria Hübner

Rapporteur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – indent 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- implementation and application of Union legislation (scrutiny of the communication, by Member States, of the

transposition of directives, as well as of each national measure that goes beyond the provisions of Union legislation ("gold-plating");

Or. en

Amendment 92

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Approves* the draft agreement contained in Annex I to this decision;

Amendment

13. *Rejects* the draft agreement contained in Annex I to this decision;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Markus Pieper, Herbert Reul

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Approves* the draft agreement contained in Annex I to this decision;

Amendment

13. *Rejects* the draft agreement contained in Annex I to this decision;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Richard Corbett, Mercedes Bresso, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Asks its competent committee to

Amendment

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examine the extent to which amendments or interpretation of the Rules of Procedure are necessary for the implementation of the new IIA;

examine the extent to which amendments or interpretation of the Rules of Procedure *or changes to Parliament's practices, administration and channels of contact with other institutions* are necessary for the implementation of the new IIA;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to set a target figure for the EU of a 50% reduction in the volume of European legislation to be achieved by 2024, by the immediate application of the formula that, for each new law created two old laws are to be repealed, in cooperation with the national parliaments;

Or. fr

Amendment 96
Markus Pieper, Herbert Reul

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Instructs its President to sign the new IIA with the President of the Council and the President of the Commission and to arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 97

Anthea McIntyre, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Instructs its President to sign the new IIA with the President of the Council and the President of the Commission and to arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;

Amendment

16. Instructs its President *not* to sign the new IIA with the President of the Council and the President of the Commission and to arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;

Or. en