PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Rule 227 of the Rules of Procedure

Amendment to Rule 128 (Questions for oral answer with debate)

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Amendment 1

Parliament’s Rules of Procedure
Article 128 - paragraph 1

Present text

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Amendment

1. Questions may be put to the Council or the Commission by a committee, a political group or at least 40 Members with a request that they be placed on the next possible agenda of Parliament.

The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether and in what order questions should be placed on the agenda.

Questions not placed on Parliament’s agenda within three months of being submitted shall lapse.

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Justification

Under Rule 128 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament for the 8th parliamentary term from July 2014, two conditions must be met in order for a question for oral answer with debate to be successfully submitted. These conditions are i) a quorum of 40 Members who agree that the question should be submitted, and ii) the agreement of the Conference of Presidents on the placing of the question on the agenda of the plenary sitting. The institution of questions for oral answer with debate is adequately protected by the high quorum. The subsequent need for the agreement of the Conference of Presidents may, therefore, be deemed a disproportionate and unsubstantiated requirement which, in this area of parliamentary activity, is excessive and undesirable for political reasons. For the above reason, I propose that all questions for oral answer with debate should be placed on the agenda of the next plenary sitting following their submission to the responsible person once the formal requirement of a necessary quorum of Members has been met.