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OPINION

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

on Development of the framework for the activities of interest representatives
(lobbyists) in the European institutions
(2007/2115(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas 75 % of economic and social policy measures which concern European citizens are prepared in Brussels,
- B. whereas consultation, participation and transparency are at the heart of involving the public more in the formulation of EU policies,
- C. whereas the activities of interest representatives are expanding rapidly in terms of both the number of players and the techniques used, and whereas those activities cover different types of structure as well as players with widely differing concerns,
- D. whereas the first to third subparagraphs of Rule 9(4) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure states that:

"The Quaestors shall be responsible for issuing nominative passes valid for a maximum of one year to persons who wish to enter Parliament's premises frequently with a view to supplying information to Members within the framework of their parliamentary mandate in their own interests or those of third parties.

In return, these persons shall be required to:

- respect the code of conduct published as an annex to the Rules of Procedure;
- sign a register kept by the Quaestors.

This register shall be made available to the public on request in all of Parliament's places of work and, in the form laid down by the Quaestors, in its information offices in the Member States.",

- E. whereas Communication 53/05 of the Quaestors sets out the rules governing 'Members' entourage' passes,
 - 1. Believes that the current conditions for obtaining accreditation as an interest representative, as laid down in Rule 9(4) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, are sufficient and appropriate; sees a need, as regards transparency in the activities of interest representatives, to take some measures additional to the provisions of that Rule; takes note in particular of the proposals made in the draft report by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	26.2.2008
Result of final vote	+: 39 -: 1 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Gabriele Albertini, Mariela Velichkova Baeva, Pervenche Berès, Slavi Binev, Sebastian Valentin Bodu, Sharon Bowles, Udo Bullmann, Manuel António dos Santos, Christian Ehler, Elisa Ferreira, Jean-Paul Gauzès, Robert Goebbels, Donata Gottardi, Dariusz Maciej Grabowski, Gunnar Hökmark, Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt, Sophia in 't Veld, Piia-Noora Kauppi, Wolf Klinz, Christoph Konrad, Guntars Krasts, Kurt Joachim Lauk, Astrid Lulling, Gay Mitchell, Cristobal Montoro Romero, Lapo Pistelli, John Purvis, Alexander Radwan, Bernhard Rapkay, Dariusz Rosati, Heide Rühle, Eoin Ryan, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Olle Schmidt, Peter Skinner, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Ieke van den Burg, Cornelis Visser, Sahra Wagenknecht
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Thomas Mann, Gianni Pittella, Bilyana Ilieva Raeva
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	