

## P7\_TA(2012)0111

### **Amendment of the Rules of Procedure to take into account the changing relationships between the European Parliament and the institutions representing the national governments following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty**

**European Parliament decision of 29 March 2012 amending the Rules of Procedure to take into account the changing relationships between the European Parliament and the institutions representing the national governments following the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon (2011/2266(REG))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the letter from its President of 4 March 2011,
  - having regard to Rules 211 and 212 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A7-0039/2012),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as shown below;
  2. Points out that the amendments will enter into force on the first day of the next part-session;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.

#### **Amendment 1**

##### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 116 – paragraph 1**

###### *Present text*

1. Question Time with *the Council and* the Commission shall be held at each part-session at times decided by Parliament on a proposal from the Conference of Presidents.

###### *Amendment*

1. Question Time with the Commission shall be held at each part-session at times decided by Parliament on a proposal from the Conference of Presidents.

#### **Amendment 2**

##### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 116 – paragraph 2**

###### *Present text*

2. No Member may put more than *one question to the Council and* one question

###### *Amendment*

2. No Member may put more than one question to the Commission at any given

to the Commission at any given part-session.

part-session.

### Amendment 3

#### Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 116 – paragraph 5

##### *Present text*

5. In accordance with guidelines established by the Conference of Presidents, specific question hours may be held with the President of the Commission, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the Eurogroup.

##### *Amendment*

5. In accordance with guidelines established by the Conference of Presidents, specific question hours may be held ***with the Council***, with the President of the Commission, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the Eurogroup.

### Amendment 4

#### Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex II – part A – point 1 – indent 2

##### *Present text*

– fall within the competence and sphere of responsibility of the ***Commission and the Council*** and are of general interest;

##### *Amendment*

– fall within the competence and sphere of responsibility of the ***addressee*** and are of general interest;

### Amendment 5

#### Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex II – part A – point 1 – indent 2 a (new)

##### *Present text*

##### *Amendment*

***– concern in particular, in the case of specific questions to the Council, the exercise of its functions in defining, coordinating and implementing Union policies, or concern its powers relating to appointment procedures or the operation of the institutions, agencies and bodies of the European Union or a revision of the Treaties,***

### Amendment 6

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Annex II – part A – point 2**

*Present text*

2. A question shall be inadmissible if the agenda already provides for the subject to be discussed with the participation of the institution concerned.

*Amendment*

2. A question shall be inadmissible if the agenda already provides for the subject to be discussed with the participation of the institution concerned, ***or if it relates to the exercise of the Council's legislative and budgetary functions referred to in Article 16(1), first sentence, of the Treaty on European Union.***