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

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Amendment 1

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the opinion of the legal service,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas lobbying in the European Parliament has grown remarkably as the competencies of the Parliament have expanded,

A. whereas lobbying in the European Parliament has grown remarkably as the competencies of the Parliament have expanded, *and lobbying the European institutions generally is growing constantly in terms of the amount of lobbying and the development of the sector,*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas lobbying is not only aimed at influencing policy and legislative decisions, but also at the allocation of Community funds and the monitoring and

enforcement of legislation,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Georgios Papastamkos

Motion for a resolution
Recital : A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas, following the expected ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, the European Parliament will be upgraded to become co-legislator throughout almost all the normal legislative procedure, attracting even more lobby groups,

Or. el

Amendment 5
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas interest representatives play an essential role in the open and pluralistic dialogue on which a democratic system rests, and form an important source of information for Members,

B. whereas interest representatives play an essential role in the open and pluralistic dialogue on which a democratic system rests, and form an important source of information for Members *in carrying out their mandate,*

Or. el

Amendment 6
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas lobby groups do not only lobby Members but also attempt to influence Parliament's decisions by lobbying secretariat officials of the parliamentary committees, political group staff and Members' assistants,

Or. el

Amendment 7
Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas Parliament has had its own register for lobbyists¹ from as long ago as 1996, as well as a Code of Conduct² which ***obliges*** lobbyists to act according to high ethical standards,

E. whereas Parliament has had its own register for lobbyists¹ from as long ago as 1996, as well as a Code of Conduct² which ***includes a commitment for*** lobbyists to act according to high ethical standards,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas Parliament has had its own

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¹ Rule 9(4) of the Rules of Procedure.

² Annex IX, article 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

register for lobbyists¹ from as long ago as 1996, as well as a Code of Conduct² which obliges lobbyists to act according to high ethical standards,

register for lobbyists¹ from as long ago as 1996, as well as a Code of Conduct² which obliges **registered** lobbyists to act according to high ethical standards,

Or. de

Amendment 9

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas there are approximately 5 000 registered lobbyists in Parliament,

Amendment

F. whereas there are **currently** approximately 5 000 registered lobbyists in Parliament,

Or. de

Amendment 10

Georgios Papastamkos

Motion for a resolution

Recital : F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas the lobby groups include local and national organisations whose operation the Member States are responsible for regulating,

Or. el

¹ Rule 9(4) of the Rules of Procedure.

² Annex IX, Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

Amendment 11
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas, according to the opinion of the Parliament's legal services, only the United States, Canada, Germany and the European Union have adopted rules which interest groups must follow when pursuing lobbying activities,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1a. Recognises the influence of lobby groups on EU decision-making and, therefore, the need to adopt a clearly-defined regulatory framework governing their activities;

Or. el

Amendment 13
Georgios Papastamkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Emphasises that transparency in all the European institutions is an absolute prerequisite for the Union's legitimacy and trust among its citizens; stresses that

1. Emphasises that ***transparent and equal access to*** all the European institutions is an absolute prerequisite for the Union's legitimacy and trust among its citizens;

transparency is a two-way street that is needed both in the work of the institutions themselves and among the lobbyists;

stresses that transparency is a two-way street that is needed both in the work of the institutions themselves and among the lobbyists; ***stresses that equal access for lobby groups to the European institutions extends the know-how available for running the Union;***

Or. el

Amendment 14
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Considers it essential that Members of Parliament should know the identity of the organisations represented by lobby groups;

Or. el

Amendment 15
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Acknowledges that a Member may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a 'legislative footprint', i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives who were consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such 'legislative footprint' to its legislative initiatives;

2. Suggests that the relevant committee secretariats attach to every legislative report due to be voted on in plenary a list of the lobbyists who were involved in the preparation of the report or in the consultations carried out by the committee responsible;

Amendment 16
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Acknowledges that a Member may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a "legislative footprint", i.e.** an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives *who were* consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is **even more** important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Amendment

2. **Decides to introduce the use of a "legislative footprint" which includes** an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is **equally** important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprints" to its legislative initiatives;

Amendment 17
Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Acknowledges** that a Member **may**, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a "legislative footprint", i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives *who were* consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Amendment

2. **Considers it necessary, in the interests of transparency,** that a Member **should be able**, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), **to** use a "legislative footprint", i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives consulted during the preparation of the report; **considers it especially advisable that such a list be attached to legislative reports;** stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Amendment 18
Georgios Papastamkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Acknowledges that a Member may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a "legislative footprint", i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives who were consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges that a Member may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a "legislative footprint", i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives who were consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives; ***stresses that the "legislative footprint" should not be regarded as reward for the lobby groups but as a contribution to the democratic accountability of Members of Parliament; calls on the parliamentary bodies responsible to propose the necessary terms and conditions to prevent abuse of the "legal footprint", the distortion of its purpose and its use as indirect publicity for lobby groups;***

Amendment 19
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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interest representatives *who were* consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

interest representatives consulted during the preparation of the report **and urges *Members to do so***; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Acknowledges that a **Member** may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a "legislative footprint", i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives *who were* consulted during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges that a **rapporteur** may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a "legislative footprint", i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives consulted **and had *significant input*** during the preparation of the report; stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such "legislative footprint" to its legislative initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Acknowledges that a Member may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a 'legislative footprint', i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of interest representatives who were consulted during the preparation of the report;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges that a Member may, as he or she sees fit (on a voluntary basis), use a 'legislative footprint', i.e. an indicative list (attached to Parliament's reports) of **registered** interest representatives who were consulted during the preparation of

stresses, nevertheless, that it is even more important for the Commission to attach such 'legislative footprint' to its legislative initiatives;

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Or. de

Amendment 22

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Strongly recommends that all lobby documentation provided to MEPs during a procedure be sent by the lobbyists concerned to a central contact point within Parliament that will make them available on Parliament's website in a easy-to-use database;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. ***Invites its*** Quaestors to draw up a plan on how to improve the implementation and control of Parliaments' rules whereby a Member must declare any support which he or she receives, whether financial or in terms of staff or materials¹;

3. ***Notes the current rules according to which Members are required to declare their financial interests; invites its Bureau, on the basis of a proposal from the*** Quaestors, to draw up a plan on how to ***further*** improve the implementation and control of Parliaments' rules whereby a Member must declare any support which he or she receives, whether financial or in

terms of staff or materials¹

Or. en

Amendment 24

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites its Quaestors to draw up a plan *on how to improve* the implementation and control of Parliaments' rules whereby a Member must declare any support which he or she receives, whether financial or in terms of staff or materials¹;

Amendment

3. Invites its Quaestors to draw up ***and submit for Parliament's approval*** a plan *for improving* the implementation and control of Parliaments' rules whereby a Member must declare any support which he or she receives, whether financial or in terms of staff or materials²; ;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses the need for a system of transparency whereby anyone who is active in Parliament on a more than temporary basis must publicly disclose their financial interests, and calls in consequence on the Quaestors to consider how trainees can also be included in this system;

Or. de

¹ Annex I, article 2 of the Rules of Procedure.

² Annex I, article 2 of the Rules of Procedure.

Amendment 26
Georgios Papastamkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. ***a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website***, including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

Amendment

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. ***making clear in an appropriate manner that Intergroups do not in any way constitute European Parliament bodies, and drawing up a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups***, including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

Or. el

Amendment 27
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website, including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

Amendment

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. ***publication*** on Parliament's website ***of the*** list of registered and non-registered Intergroups , including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs, ***information concerning their members and meetings, the lobby groups which they support and the type of assistance which they provide for those groups***;

Or. el

Amendment 28

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website, including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

Amendment

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliaments' website, ***with detailed information on membership and external funding*** including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls ***for clarity on*** Intergroups, ***i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on*** Parliament's website, ***including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;***

Amendment

4. Calls ***on the Bureau to publish a list of all existing*** Intergroups on Parliament's website, ***indicating inter alia the type of support provided to them by Parliament and from outside;***

Or. en

Amendment 30

György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website,

Amendment

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website,

including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

including **relevant** declarations of the financial interests of their respective chairs **and a statement of the intergroup's broad aims**;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls for clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website, including declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;

Amendment

4. Notes the current rules on Intergroups which require declarations of funding; calls for *further* clarity on Intergroups, i.e. a list of registered and non-registered Intergroups on Parliament's website, including **relevant declarations of the financial interest of their respective chairs;**

Or. en

Amendment 32
Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4 a. Calls upon the Parliament to publish on its website a comprehensive and complete list of all lobby events hosted by Members of Parliament, including at least the agenda and names of sponsors;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for its Quaestors to clarify the rules *which prohibit unaccompanied visitors on Parliamentary premises (for example Members' offices) and to improve the enforcement of those rules;*

Amendment

5. Calls for its Quaestors to clarify the rules *whereby the number of visitors to Parliament other than in the official visitors' areas is effectively limited during European Parliament part-sessions, and only accompanied visitors who have an appointment with a specific person are admitted to the non-public parts of Parliament;*

Or. de

Amendment 34
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for *its Quaestors* to clarify the rules which prohibit unaccompanied visitors on Parliamentary premises (for example Members' offices) and to improve the enforcement of those rules;

Amendment

5. Calls for *the Bureau, on the basis of a proposal from the Quaestors*, to clarify the *current* rules which prohibit unaccompanied visitors on Parliamentary premises (for example Members' offices) and to improve the enforcement of those rules;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Ingo Friedrich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, *think-tanks*, trade associations, trade unions *and* employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that all actors *other than the Institutions (Commission, European Parliament, Council, Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee etc.)* falling within that definition *and regularly influencing the Institutions* should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, trade associations, trade unions, employers' organisations, *non-profit and other organisations*, and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Or. de

Amendment 36
Georgios Papastamkos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that *all actors falling* within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that *there should be no confusion between the concept and role of civil society and those of lobby groups; to the extent that sub-groups of the above groups fall* within that definition *they* should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Or. el

Amendment 37

Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law; ***nevertheless, believes that the substantial difference between organisations which seek a private profit and those that have an eminently public or social purpose should be borne in mind;***

Or. en

Amendment 38

György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, ***think-tanks***, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition ***and frequently influencing the European institutions*** should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations, ***profit-making and non-profit organisations, diplomatic representatives when pursuing lobbying activities*** and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment 39
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, *think-tanks*, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that, *in spite of the fundamental difference between public and private interest representatives*, all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations, *profit-making and non-profit organisations* and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment 40
Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers *when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law*;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition *and frequently influencing the European institutions* should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in house lobbyists, NGO's, think-thanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations, *profit-making and non-profit organisations* and lawyers;

Amendment 41
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, *think-tanks*, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that all actors *outside the European institutions* falling within that definition *and frequently influencing the institutions* should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations, *profit-making and non-profit organisations* and lawyers when their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law;

Amendment 42
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when *their purpose is to influence policy rather than case-law*;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that all actors falling within that definition should be considered as lobbyists and treated in the same way: professional lobbyists, companies' in-house lobbyists, NGOs, think-tanks, trade associations, trade unions and employers' organisations and lawyers when *they are not*:

a) representing a client in judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative, disciplinary or

other proceedings; or
b) giving legal advice in context of the political and decision-making procedures of the European institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses also, however, that the regions and municipalities of the Member States, as well as political parties at national and European level, are privileged partners of the European Parliament, whose representatives are not to be regarded as lobbyists within the meaning of the projected rules;

Or. de

Amendment 44
Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Believes that a credible and effective registration and reporting system in all EU institutions, including financial disclosure as well as transparency for all documents sent to Members of the institutions, must be mandatory for all lobbyists and must be linked to a common code of ethical behaviour;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes *in principle* the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament; *recalls, however, the essential differences between the Commission and Parliament as institutions; therefore reserves the right to evaluate the Commission's proposal when it is finalised and only then to decide on whether or not to support it;*

Amendment

9. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes in principle the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament; recalls, however, the essential differences between the Commission and Parliament as institutions; *therefore reserves the right to evaluate the Commission's proposal when it is finalised and only then to decide on whether or not to support it;*

Amendment

9. Welcomes in principle the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament; recalls, however, the essential differences between the Commission and Parliament as institutions; *furthermore, recalls that the number of lobbyists having access to the European Parliament must remain within reason; therefore suggest the adoption of a system under which lobbyists need register once only with both institutions and each institution may decide whether to grant access to its premises, thus allowing Parliament to continue to limit*

the number of badges provided to each organisation/company to four;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Carlos Carnero González

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes in principle the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament; recalls, however, the essential differences between the Commission and Parliament as institutions; therefore reserves the right to evaluate the Commission's proposal when it is finalised and only then to decide on whether or not to support it;

Amendment

9. Welcomes in principle the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament; ***believes that this register should be held jointly by both the Commission and Parliament and should be linked to a common system of sanctions and a common code of ethical conduct***; recalls, however, the essential differences between the Commission and Parliament as institutions; therefore reserves the right to evaluate the Commission's proposal when it is finalised and only then to decide on whether or not to support it;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes in principle the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament; recalls, however, the essential differences between

Amendment

9. Welcomes in principle the Commission's proposal for a "one-stop shop" where lobbyists could register with both the Commission and Parliament ***and calls for an interinstitutional agreement on a***

the Commission *and* Parliament as institutions; *therefore reserves the right to evaluate the Commission's proposal when it is finalised and only then to decide on whether or not to support it;*

common register to be held jointly by Parliament, the Commission and the Council; recalls, however, the essential differences between the Commission, Parliament *and the Council* as institutions; *calls for mutual recognition on the part of the Parliament, the Commission and the Council of separate registers in the event that a common register is not achieved;*

Or. en

Amendment 49

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Proposes that a joint working group *of officials* be set up *as soon as possible*, with representatives from both Parliament and the Commission to *consider the implications* of a common register;

Amendment

10. Proposes that a joint working group be set up *swiftly*, with representatives from both Parliament and the Commission to *enable the development* of a common register;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Proposes that a joint working group *of officials* be set up as soon as possible, with representatives from both Parliament and the Commission to *consider the implications of a common register;*

Amendment

10. Proposes that a joint working group be set up as soon as possible, with representatives from both Parliament and the Commission to *elaborate the details of such a common register, including the rules on sanctions, passes and access to buildings;*

Amendment 51
Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Proposes that a joint working group of officials be set up as soon as possible, with ***representatives from both Parliament and the Commission*** to consider the implications of a common register;

Amendment

10. Proposes that a joint working group of ***high-level Commission officials and representatives of the European Parliament appointed by the Conference of Presidents*** be set up as soon as possible, with ***the aim of considering until the end of 2008*** the implications of a common register ***for all lobbyists who want access to the European Parliament or the Commission; instructs its Secretary-General to take the appropriate steps;***

Amendment 52
Werner Langen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Proposes that a joint working group ***of officials*** be set up as soon as possible, ***with representatives from both Parliament and the Commission*** to consider the implications of a common register;

Amendment

10. Proposes that a joint ***Commission, Council and Parliament*** working group, ***including holders of political responsibility,*** be set up as soon as possible to consider the ***preconditions for and*** implications of a common register;

Amendment 53
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Proposes that a joint working group *of officials be set up as soon as possible*, with representatives from *both* Parliament *and* the Commission to consider the implications of a common register;

Amendment

10. Proposes that a joint working group with representatives from Parliament, the Commission *and the Council be set up as soon as possible with the aim of considering until the end of 2008* the implications of a common register *and of drawing up a common code of conduct; instructs its Secretary-General to take the appropriate steps;*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Recommends that* the Council *joins a possible* common register; *is of the opinion that careful consideration needs to be given to the activities of lobbyists vis-à-vis Council in the context of codecision matters;*

Amendment

11. *Calls on* the Council *to join the* common register;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. **Recommends that** the Council **joins** a possible common register; is of the opinion that careful consideration needs to be given to the activities of lobbyists vis-à-vis Council in the context of codecision matters;

Amendment

11. **Urges** the Council **to join** a possible common register; is of the opinion that careful consideration needs to be given to the activities of lobbyists vis-à-vis Council **Secretariat** in the context of codecision matters;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commissions' decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; recalls that Parliaments' register is already de facto mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining access to Parliament;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 57

Andrew Duff, Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a

Amendment

12. Calls for the establishment of a compulsory register of lobbyists once the Treaty of Lisbon provides the appropriate legal base; decides in the meantime to

voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; recalls that Parliament's register is already de facto mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining access to Parliament;

cooperate with the Commission by way of an interinstitutional agreement to establish a voluntary register;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; recalls that Parliament's register is already *de facto* mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining access to Parliament;

Amendment

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year ***but is concerned that a purely voluntary system will enable less responsible lobbyists to avoid compliance***; recalls that Parliament's register is already *de facto* mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for ***gaining*** access to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; recalls that Parliament's register is already

Amendment

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; ***given that the legal basis for a mandatory***

de facto mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining access to Parliament;

register is provided by the Treaty of Lisbon, considers that a mandatory register is the most appropriate means of increasing transparency; recalls that Parliament's ***current*** register is already *de facto* mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining access to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; ***recalls that Parliament's register is already de facto mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining access to Parliament;***

Amendment

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; ***notes that the legal basis for a mandatory register is provided by the Treaty of Lisbon; considers that registration should be a requirement for lobbyists wanting frequent access to the institutions, as is already the case in Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's

Amendment

12. Is aware of the arguments in favour of both voluntary and compulsory registration of lobbyists; notes the Commission's

decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; recalls that Parliament's register is ***already de facto mandatory, because registering is a prerequisite for gaining*** access to Parliament;

decision to start with a voluntary register and evaluate the system after one year; recalls that ***entry in*** Parliament's register is, ***however, an absolute precondition for obtaining the status of lobbyist registered with the European Parliament and the rights associated therewith, including the right of free*** access to Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 62

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10 years ***and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of a common Code;***

Amendment

13. Reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10 years; ***considers however that the system should be improved and sanctions strengthened; is of the opinion that any code should ensure rigorous monitoring of lobbyists and provide for the withdrawal of nominative passes and the creation of a public blacklist of unethical lobbyists;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10

Amendment

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10

years and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of a common Code;

years and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of a common Code *which also contains an enforcement and sanctions mechanism; considers that lobbyists who wish to be included on the new register should be required to endorse the code, in accordance with Parliament's example;*

Or. el

Amendment 64
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10 years and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of a common Code;

Amendment

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; *calls on the Commission to acknowledge that the question whether lawyers will be subject only to their own code of conduct or to the Commission's proposed new code will depend on whether the lawyer's activities fall within the definition mentioned in paragraph 8;* reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10 years and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of a common Code;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10 years and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of *a common Code*;

Amendment

13. Notes the Commission's draft Code of Conduct for Interest Representatives; reminds the Commission that Parliament has already had such a Code for over 10 years and asks the Commission to negotiate with Parliament for the establishment of common *rules*;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the withdrawal of the nominative pass, which entails deletion from the register;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 67

Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the withdrawal of the nominative pass, which entails deletion from the register;

Amendment

14. Recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the withdrawal of the nominative pass, which entails deletion from the register; ***invites the Bureau, on the basis of a***

proposal from the Quaestors, to consider how the compliance of lobbyists with this code of conduct can be better monitored and how greater transparency as regards sanctions can be ensured, until such time as a common code of conduct and a common register can be established;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to *the withdrawal of the nominative pass, which entails* deletion from the register;

Amendment

14. Recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to deletion from the register *and hence to withdrawal of the status of lobbyist registered with the European Parliament, together with the rights deriving from that status, including the right of free access to the European Parliament;*

Or. de

Amendment 69
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the withdrawal of the nominative pass, which entails deletion from the register;

Amendment

14. *Stresses that sanctions should apply to lobbyists who have breached the code of conduct;* recalls that Parliament's current Rules of Procedure already provide that any breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the withdrawal of the nominative

pass, which entails deletion from the register; ***emphasises that sufficient resources (staff and money) should be allocated to verifying the information in the register;***

Or. en

Amendment 70
Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Stresses that sanctions should apply to lobbyists who have intentionally given unsatisfactory or false information; emphasises that sufficient resources (staff and money) must be allocated to verifying the information in the register; considers that, insofar as concerns the Commission's register, sanctions might include the suspension of registration and, in more serious cases, removal from the register; considers that a list of lobbyists who have been sanctioned should be published on the homepage of the register; believes that once a common register is established, any misbehaviour on the part of a lobbyist must lead to sanctions concerning access to all the institutions to which the register applies; invites the joint working group to lay down a procedure for deciding on sanctions for lobbyists;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Emphasises the need for the register to be user-friendly; the public must be able to easily find and make searches of the register;

Amendment

15. Emphasises the need for the register to be user-friendly: the public must be able to easily find and make searches of the register ***and it must include not only the names of the lobbying firms but also the name of the lobbyists themselves;***

Or. en

Amendment 72
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Emphasises the need for the register to be user-friendly; the public must be able to easily find and make searches of the register;

Amendment

15. Emphasises the need for the register to be user-friendly ***and easily accessible on the Internet;*** the public must be able to easily find and make searches of the register; ·

Or. el

Amendment 73
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Stresses that the register should contain separate categories in which lobbyists should be registered according to the type of interests they represent (e.g.

professional associations, company representatives, trade unions, employers' organisations, lawyers' offices, NGOs, etc.);

Or. el

Amendment 74
Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Notes* the Commission's decision to ask for financial disclosure by interest representatives *joining the register to apply to the following:*

- the turnover of professional consultancies and law firms attributable to lobbying the EU institutions, as well as the relative weight of their major clients;*
- an estimate of the costs associated with direct lobbying of the EU institutions incurred by in-house lobbyists and trade associations;*
- the overall budget and breakdown of the main sources of funding of NGOs and think-tanks;*

Amendment

16. *Supports* the Commission's decision to ask for financial disclosure by interest representatives; *is of the opinion that for all entities lobbying the EU institutions, the register must provide information on:*

- the issues they are lobbying on;*
 - the names of the lobbyists employed;*
 - annual income, with specified sources of income;*
 - the total budget spent on lobbying activities, broken down by lobbying issue.*
- For firms that provide lobbying services to clients, the register must also provide information on:*
- the names of the clients on whose behalf they are lobbying;*
 - the issues and budget broken down by client;*
 - the names of lobbyists working for different clients;*

Amendment 75
Carlos Carnero González, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Notes* the *Commission's decision to ask for* financial disclosure *by interest representatives joining the register to apply to* the following:

- the turnover of professional consultancies and law firms attributable to lobbying the EU institutions, as well as the relative weight of their major clients;
- an estimate of the costs associated with direct lobbying of the EU institutions incurred by in-house lobbyists and trade associations;
- the overall budget and breakdown of the main sources of funding of NGOs and think-tanks;

Amendment

16. *Calls on* the *Commission to introduce a system of* financial disclosure *for interest representatives under which they must state* the following:

- the turnover of professional consultancies and law firms attributable to lobbying the EU institutions, *set out in meaningful ranges, such as EUR 5,000 - 10,000, and as a percentage of overall turnover*, as well as the relative weight of their major clients;
- an estimate of the costs associated with direct lobbying of the EU institutions incurred by in-house lobbyists and trade associations, *set out in meaningful ranges such as EUR 5,000 - 10,000 and as a percentage of overall turnover*;
- the overall budget and breakdown of the main sources of funding of NGOs and think-tanks;

Amendment 76
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – Introductory part

Motion for a resolution

16. *Notes* the Commission's decision to ask for financial disclosure *by interest representatives joining* the register *to*

Amendment

16. *Welcomes* the Commission's decision to ask for *the following details concerning* financial disclosure *to be included in* the

apply to the following:

register:

Or. en

Amendment 77
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – Introductory part

Motion for a resolution

16. *Notes* the Commission's decision to ask for financial disclosure by interest representatives joining the register to apply to the following:

Amendment

16. *Endorses* the Commission's decision to ask for financial disclosure by interest representatives joining the register to apply to the following:

Or. el

Amendment 78
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 – introductory paragraph

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes the Commission's decision *to ask for financial disclosure by* interest representatives joining the register *to apply to the following:*

Amendment

16. Notes the Commission's decision *that* interest representatives joining the register *must provide the following financial information:*

Or. de

Amendment 79
Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Insists that the decision to ask for financial disclosure by interest representatives should apply only over a minimal threshold of financial turnover; emphasises that sufficiently detailed financial disclosure is a key benchmark of a credible EU transparency initiative and recalls that, in addition to financial figures, details of the names of the persons acting as lobbyists are also required;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. A detailed disclosure system should set bandwidths of EUR 10,000 as maximum ranges for financial reporting, with a minimum threshold of EUR 5,000 to qualify for registration at all;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Stresses that the requirement of financial disclosure must apply equally to all interest representatives;

17. Stresses that the requirement of financial disclosure must apply equally to all ***registered*** interest representatives;

Amendment 82
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Asks the Commission to give more specific information about the nature of such disclosure before Parliament makes any decision to join the register;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 83
Alexander Stubb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Notes the Commission's proposed monitoring mechanism for verifying the information in the proposed register, and considers it important that sufficient resources are dedicated to that purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Reminds the Commission that financial figures are not always the best

deleted

way of providing information on the scale of lobbying activities;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Monica Frassoni, Claude Turmes, Gérard Onesta

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Reminds the Commission that financial figures are not always the best way of providing information on the scale of lobbying activities;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 86
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Requests that its competent bodies propose the necessary changes to the Rules of Procedure;

20. Calls on the committee responsible to prepare any necessary amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure;

Or. en