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Draft report
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The impact of the Treaty of Lisbon on the development of the institutional
balance of the European Union
(2008/2073(INI))

Amendment 1
Johannes Voggenhuber

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the Treaty of Lisbon strengthens the institutional balance of the Union, inasmuch as it reinforces the key functions of each of the political institutions, thereby strengthening their respective roles within an institutional framework in which cooperation between the institutions is a key element of the success of the Union's integration process,

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deleted

Or. de

Amendment 2
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas, although the aim of the new Treaty is to simplify and enhance the coherence of the Presidency of the European Council and of the Council, the coexistence of a separate Presidency of the European Council and of the Foreign Affairs Council (and of the Eurogroup), together with the continuation of a rotating system for the presidencies of the other configurations of the Council, *may reduce* the Union's *functionality*,

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E. whereas, although the aim of the new Treaty is to simplify and enhance the coherence of the Presidency of the European Council and of the Council, the coexistence of a separate Presidency of the European Council and of the Foreign Affairs Council (and of the Eurogroup), together with the continuation of a rotating system for the presidencies of the other configurations of the Council *are, at least initially, likely to complicate* the Union's *operations*,

Or. el

Amendment 3
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the promotion of equal representation of women and men in the decision-making process is an internationally recognised prerequisite for democracy and a necessary step towards a more democratic Union,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas the current seven-year financial programming ***means*** that, from time to time, the European Parliament and the Commission, during a full legislature, will

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have no fundamental political financial decisions to take during their mandate, finding themselves locked into a framework adopted by their predecessors that will last until the end of their mandate, ***something which might, however, be resolved by making use of the possibility offered by the Treaty of Lisbon for five-year financial programming, which could coincide with the mandate of Parliament and the Commission,***

Or. el

Amendment 6
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the Treaty of Lisbon introduces a new and comprehensive approach to the external action of the Union – albeit with specific mechanisms for decision-making in matters relating to the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) – as well as creating the "double-hatted" post of ***High Representative/Vice-President*** supported by a special external service as the key element rendering this new and integrated approach operative,

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(some change throughout text)

Or. en

Amendment 7
Jean-Luc Dehaene

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the European Council of **December 11 and 12** agreed that in the event of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon by the end of the year it would use the possibility granted by this Treaty to maintain the composition of the Commission in its present form of one member per Member State,

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L. whereas the European Council of **11 and 12 December 2008** agreed that in the event of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon by the end of the year it would use the possibility granted by this Treaty to maintain the composition of the Commission in its present form of one member per Member State,

Or. nl

Amendment 8
Johannes Voggenhuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the institutional innovations contained in the Treaty of Lisbon, **which create the conditions for a renewed and enhanced institutional balance within the Union**, allowing its institutions to function more efficiently, openly and democratically and enabling the Union to deliver better results more closely matching the expectations of its citizens and to play its role fully as a global actor in the international sphere;

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 9
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Recognises, however, that the usual institutional lack of clarity persists in the

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Treaty of Lisbon; regards it as venturous, from an institutional point of view, to introduce institutional innovations such as the non-rotating President of the European Council and the High Representative without it being quite clear how precisely these innovations are to operate and what sort of influence they will have on relations between the institutions; regrets the fact, therefore, that interinstitutional agreements are needed for subjects which should have been clarified in the Treaty of Lisbon itself;

Or. nl

Amendment 10
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Considers that gender balance must be respected in nominations; all three positions – the President of the European Council, the President of the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President – must not be filled by persons of the same sex, political party or nationality;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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respected in nominations; all three positions – the President of the European Council, the President of the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President – must not be filled by persons of the same sex;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Johannes Voggenhuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Also stresses in this context the major importance of safeguarding MEPs' supervisory powers via the right to put questions to the Council and Commission and the adherence to time limits for replying to such questions; looks to the other institutions to give express recognition to this right to put questions and calls on the Council to incorporate it into its Rules of Procedure;

Or. de

Amendment 13
Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Maintains that the European Parliament must itself carry out the necessary internal reforms in order to adapt its structures, its proceedings and its working methods to the new competences and to the reinforced requirements of programming and interinstitutional cooperation deriving from the Treaty of Lisbon; awaits with interest

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the conclusions of the working party on parliamentary reform and recalls that its competent committee is currently working on the reform of its Rules of Procedure in order to adapt them to the Treaty of Lisbon¹;

¹Draft report by Mr Corbett on amendment of Parliament's Rules of Procedure in the light of the proposals by the Working Party on Parliamentary Reform concerning the work of the Plenary and initiative reports (PE 400.716 v01-00).

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¹*Draft report by Mr Leinen on Parliament's new role and responsibilities in implementing the Treaty of Lisbon (PE 407.780 v02-00).*

²Draft report by Mr Corbett on amendment of Parliament's Rules of Procedure in the light of the proposals by the Working Party on Parliamentary Reform concerning the work of the Plenary and initiative reports (PE 400.716 v01-00).

Or. de

Amendment 14 **Richard Corbett**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9 – footnote**

Motion for a resolution

¹ Draft report by Mr Corbett on *amendment* of Parliament's Rules of Procedure *in the light of the proposals by the Working Party on Parliamentary Reform concerning the work of the Plenary and initiative reports (PE 400.716 v01-00).*

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¹ Draft report by Mr Corbett on *the general revision* of Parliament's Rules of Procedure (*PE 405.935 v03-00*).

Or. en

Amendment 15 **Andrzej Wielowieyski**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Stresses the new role of the European Parliament in the conferral of delegated powers to the Commission and its new role of supervision in relation to delegated and implementing acts;

Amendment 16
Johannes Voggenhuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the new Treaty extends to the European Parliament the right of initiative concerning revision of the Treaties, recognises that Parliament has the right to participate in the Convention and that its consent is required in the event that the European Council considers that there is no reason to convene the Convention; considers that this recognition militates in favour of recognising that the European Parliament has a right of full participation in the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) on similar terms with the Commission; considers that, building on the experience of the two previous IGCs, an interinstitutional arrangement could in the future define the guidelines for the organisation of IGCs, notably in relation to the participation of the European Parliament and issues concerning transparency;

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10. Welcomes the fact that the new Treaty extends to the European Parliament the right of initiative concerning revision of the Treaties, recognises that Parliament has the right to participate in the Convention and that its consent is required in the event that the European Council considers that there is no reason to convene the Convention; considers that this recognition militates in favour of recognising that the European Parliament has a right of full participation in the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) on similar terms with the Commission; considers that, building on the experience of the two previous IGCs, an interinstitutional arrangement could in the future define the guidelines for the organisation of IGCs, notably in relation to the participation of the European Parliament and issues concerning transparency; ***takes the view that such an interinstitutional arrangement should at any event guarantee the European Parliament a greater diversity of representation than hitherto;***

Or. de

Amendment 17
Andrzej Wielowieyski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Welcomes the increased role of the European Parliament in the scrutiny of Union agencies; stresses nevertheless the need to set out clearer rules for the exercise of such scrutiny in cooperation with the Council by the means of an interinstitutional agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Takes note of the transitional arrangements concerning the composition of the European Parliament; ***recalls that if such arrangements are implemented as foreseen*** in the conclusions of the European Council of December ***11 and 12, such a measure will have to receive the political approval of the European Parliament, or even be submitted to its consent, should this measure be taken in a legal context that requires such consent;***

11. Takes note of the transitional arrangements concerning the composition of the European Parliament ***as presented*** in the conclusions of the European Council of ***11-12 December 2008; notes that the decision to keep the three extra German seats until 2014 implies a temporary derogation from the terms of the Treaty of Lisbon and will, therefore, require a change in primary law before it can be implemented; is of the opinion that the 18 Members pre-elected in June 2009 should be able to sit in the European Parliament as observers from the date that the Treaty of Lisbon enters into force; considers, however, that they should take up their full powers on an agreed date and simultaneously once all necessary national legal procedures have been completed; reminds the Council that the European Parliament stands to gain important rights of initiative and consent under Article 14(2) TEU as amended by the Treaty of Lisbon as to its composition, which it fully intends to assert;***

Amendment 19
Jean-Luc Dehaene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. nl

Amendment 20
Andrzej Wielowieyski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12a. Considers also that, since the European Council will join the EU institutional architecture, there is a need to specify more clearly the nature not only of its rights, but also of its obligations including a possible legal scrutiny of its actions;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the creation of a fixed long-term Presidency of the European Council, which will help to ensure greater continuity and coherence of the work of that institution and thus of the action of the Union;

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16. Welcomes the creation of a fixed long-term Presidency of the European Council, which will help to ensure greater continuity and coherence of the work of that institution and thus of the action of the Union; ***underlines that the nomination of the President of the European Council should take place as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon in order to maintain a link between the duration of the newly elected Parliament and the period of the mandate for the new Commission;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 23
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Reminds Member States that they all agreed to lessen the importance of the rotating Council Presidency which will no longer chair the European Council nor the Foreign Affairs Council;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Recalls that, although the new Treaty provides for the European Council to be assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, the specific expenditure of the European Council must be set out in a separate part of the budget and must include specific allocations for the President of the European Council, who will in any case need to be assisted by his/her own cabinet, which should be established on reasonable terms;

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

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Or. de

Amendment 26
Johannes Voggenhuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

22a. Views with concern the tendency for the Commission to become a kind of 'contract manager' for the Council; urges the Council to respect the independence of the Commission as a fundamental element in the institutional balance;

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Or. de

Amendment 27
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. In this context, considers it necessary for the ***Heads of State or Government to be closely involved in the work of the General Affairs Council – particularly the Prime Minister/Head of State of the Member State assuming the Presidency of the Council –, either directly or through a delegated minister, in order*** to ensure the proper functioning of the General Affairs Council as the body responsible for coordinating the different configurations of the Council and arbitrating in respect of priorities and the resolution of conflicts that are currently too easily referred to the European Council;

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25. In this context, considers ***that it may be*** necessary for the Prime Minister/Head of State of the Member State assuming the Presidency of the Council to ***personally chair and*** ensure the proper functioning of the General Affairs Council as the body responsible for coordinating the different configurations of the Council and arbitrating in respect of priorities and the resolution of conflicts that are currently too easily referred to the European Council;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Recognises the ***risks of a breakdown*** of coordination between the different configurations of the Council due to the new system of Presidencies, and stresses, with a view to avoiding those risks, the importance of the "new" fixed 18-month "troikas" (groups of three Presidencies), which will share the Presidencies of the different configurations of the Council (apart from the Foreign Affairs Council and the Eurogroup), and of COREPER in order to ensure the coherence, consistency and continuity of the work of the Council as a whole and to ensure the interinstitutional cooperation needed for the smooth running of the legislative and budgetary procedures in joint decision with the European Parliament;

Amendment

25. Recognises the ***great difficulties*** of coordination between the different configurations of the Council due to the new system of Presidencies, and stresses, with a view to avoiding those risks, the importance of the 'new' fixed 18-month 'troikas' (groups of three Presidencies), which will share the Presidencies of the different configurations of the Council (apart from the Foreign Affairs Council and the Eurogroup), and of COREPER in order to ensure the coherence, consistency and continuity of the work of the Council as a whole and to ensure the interinstitutional cooperation needed for the smooth running of the legislative and budgetary procedures in joint decision with the European Parliament;

Amendment 29**Andrew Duff****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 27***Motion for a resolution*

27. Considers it crucial for the troikas to develop intense and permanent cooperation throughout their joint mandate; stresses the importance of the joint programme of each 18-month troika for the functioning of the Union, as expanded upon in paragraph 51 of this resolution; invites the troikas to present their joint programme to Parliament in plenary session at the beginning of their joint mandate;

Amendment

27. Considers it crucial for the troikas to develop intense and permanent cooperation throughout their joint mandate; stresses the importance of the joint programme of each 18-month troika for the functioning of the Union, as expanded upon in paragraph 51 of this resolution; invites the troikas to present their joint programme to Parliament in plenary session at the beginning of their joint mandate; ***notes that the new arrangements imply that the programme of the team presidency should be operational in nature and should not interfere with the political programming of the work of the Union which is to be subject to new democratic procedures (still less to become an opportunity to inflate the national egos of the three participating governments);***

Or. en

Amendment 30**Richard Corbett****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 27***Motion for a resolution*

27. Considers it crucial for the troikas to develop intense and permanent cooperation throughout their joint mandate; stresses the importance of the joint programme of each 18-month troika for the functioning of the Union, as expanded upon in paragraph 51

Amendment

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of this resolution; invites the troikas to present their **joint programme** to Parliament in plenary session at the beginning of their joint mandate;

of this resolution; invites the troikas to present their **proposals on the timetabling of legislative deliberations** to Parliament in plenary session at the beginning of their joint mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Stresses also that the Prime Minister/Head of State assuming the rotating Presidency of the Council must be the privileged interlocutor of the European Parliament concerning the activities of the Presidency; considers that he/she should be invited to address **Parliament in plenary session, presenting to it the programme of activities of the Presidency and an account of the developments and results recorded during its six-month term**, as well as presenting for debate any other relevant political matter arising during the mandate of his/her Presidency;

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Or. en

Amendment 32
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

29a. Considers, however, that it will no longer be appropriate for the rotating Presidency of the Council to present a "programme" to Parliament, given that

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he/she will be chairing the other branch of the legislature, not exercising executive functions;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Notes that the principle of gender balance is not adequately reflected in the college of Commissioners at the moment; points out that only 9 of the current 27 European Commissioners are women; calls on the Member States to consider both male and female candidates for their Commissioners;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Stresses that the election of the President of the Commission by the European Parliament on a proposal by the European Council will change the nature of his/her designation;

33. Stresses that the election of the President of the Commission by the European Parliament on a proposal by the European Council will *not fundamentally* change the nature of his/her designation; *stresses that both under the Treaty of Nice and under the Treaty of Lisbon the European Council is the institution which is concerned with the nomination; notes, therefore, that the election of the President of the Commission by the European Parliament is above all a*

perceived difference compared with the procedure in force; stresses, therefore, that under the Treaty of Lisbon no essential difference in the relationship between Parliament and the Commission has been introduced;

Or. nl

Amendment 35
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

33. Stresses that the election of the President of the Commission by the European Parliament on a proposal, by the European Council ***which should take into account of the principle of gender balance***, will change the nature of his/her designation;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Stresses that the election of the President of the Commission by the European Parliament on a proposal by the European Council will ***change the*** nature of his/her designation;

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33. Stresses that the election of the President of the Commission by the European Parliament on a proposal by the European Council will ***give a pronounced political*** nature to his/her designation;

Or. el

Amendment 37
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Suggests that the President of the European Council be mandated by the European Council (alone or with a delegation) to conduct those consultations, that he/she should consult with the President of the European Parliament with a view to organising the necessary meetings with each of the leaders of the political groups in the European Parliament, possibly accompanied by the leaders (or a delegation) of the European political *families* and that thereafter the President of the European Council should report to the European Council;

Amendment

38. Suggests that the President of the European Council be mandated by the European Council (alone or with a delegation) to conduct those consultations, that he/she should consult with the President of the European Parliament with a view to organising the necessary meetings with each of the leaders of the political groups in the European Parliament, possibly accompanied by the leaders (or a delegation) of the European political *parties* and that thereafter the President of the European Council should report to the European Council;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Considers that, as provided for in Declaration 6 annexed to the above-mentioned Final Act, the choice of the persons called upon to hold the offices of President of the European Council, President of the Commission and High Representative must take account of the need to respect the geographical and demographic diversity of the Union and its Member States;

Amendment

39. Considers that, as provided for in Declaration 6 annexed to the above-mentioned Final Act, the choice of the persons called upon to hold the offices of President of the European Council, President of the Commission and High Representative ***must primarily take account of the relevant competencies of the candidates; recognises, in addition, that it*** must take account of the need to respect the geographical and demographic diversity of the Union and its Member States;

Amendment 39
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Considers in that context that, *ideally*, the nominations process should occur following the elections to the European Parliament, in order to take account of the electoral results, which will play *an important* role in the choice of President of the Commission; points out that only after his/her election will it be possible to ensure the requisite balance;

Amendment

41. Considers in that context that the nominations process should occur following the elections to the European Parliament, in order to take account of the electoral results, which will play *a primordial* role in the choice of President of the Commission; points out that only after his/her election will it be possible to ensure the requisite balance;

Or. el

Amendment 40
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

– weeks 5 and 6 after the elections: contacts between the candidate for President of the Commission and the political groups; *presentation of* that candidate *in* the European Parliament; vote in the European Parliament on the candidate for President of the Commission;

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– weeks 5 and 6 after the elections: contacts between the candidate for President of the Commission and the political groups; *statements by* that candidate *and presentation of his/her political guidelines to* the European Parliament; vote in the European Parliament on the candidate for President of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 – indent 8

Motion for a resolution

– October: *the European Parliament votes* on the entire college (including the High Representative/Vice-President); the European Council approves the new Commission; the new Commission takes up its duties;

Amendment

– October: *presentation of the college of Commissioners and their programme to the European Parliament; vote* on the entire college (including the High Representative/Vice-President); the European Council approves the new Commission; the new Commission takes up its duties;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Considers that should the European Council launch the procedure for the designation of the President of the new Commission *without delay* after the European elections of June 2009¹, it should duly take into account the necessary timeframe to allow the consultation procedure, as foreseen in the Lisbon Treaty, to be completed informally; considers that *as such*, the President of the Commission, who may be approved by the European Parliament under the Nice procedure, *could then be elected under the Treaty of Lisbon if the latter was to come into force, without the whole designation procedure needing to be resumed*;

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45. Considers that should the European Council launch the procedure for the designation of the President of the new Commission after the European elections of June 2009¹, it should duly take into account the necessary timeframe to allow the *political* consultation procedure *with the newly elected representatives of the political groups*, as foreseen in the Lisbon Treaty, to be completed informally; considers *therefore* that the *new* President of the Commission *should only be nominated by the European Council at the beginning of July*, who may *then* be approved by *a simple majority* of the European Parliament under the *terms of the Treaty of Nice*;

¹ As stated in the Declaration on the appointment of the new Commission agreed on the 11 and 12 December 2008.

Amendment 43
Jean-Luc Dehaene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Considers that should the European Council launch the procedure for the **designation** of the President of the new Commission without delay after the European elections of June 2009¹, it should duly take into account the necessary timeframe to allow the consultation procedure, as foreseen in the Lisbon Treaty, to be completed informally; considers that ***as such, the President of the Commission, who may be approved by the European Parliament under the Nice procedure, could then be elected under the Treaty of Lisbon if the latter was to come into force, without the whole designation procedure needing to be resumed;***

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45. Considers that should the European Council launch the procedure for the **nomination** of the President of the new Commission without delay after the European elections of June 2009¹, it should duly take into account the necessary timeframe to allow the consultation procedure, as foreseen in the Lisbon Treaty, to be completed informally; considers that, ***under these conditions, the substance of its new prerogatives would be fully respected and the European Parliament could proceed to the approval of the nomination of the President of the Commission;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Stresses that, in any case, concerning the nomination of the new college, the procedure should only be launched after the results of the new referendum in Ireland are known; points out that as such

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¹ As stated in the Declaration on the appointment of the new Commission agreed on the 11 and 12 December 2008

the institutions would be fully aware of the future legal context in which the new Commission would exercise its mandate and could have duly into consideration their respective powers in the procedure, as well as the composition, structure and competencies of the new Commission; in the event of a positive outcome of the referendum, the formal approval of the new college by the European Parliament should only take place after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon **and the election of the President of the Commission**;

the institutions would be fully aware of the future legal context in which the new Commission would exercise its mandate and could have duly into consideration their respective powers in the procedure, as well as the composition, structure and competencies of the new Commission; in the event of a positive outcome of the referendum, the formal approval of the new college, **including the President and Vice-President/High Representative**, by the European Parliament should only take place after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Jean-Luc Dehaene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Stresses that, in any case, concerning the nomination of the new college, the procedure should only be launched after the results of the new referendum in Ireland are known; points out that as such the institutions would be fully aware of the future legal context in which the new Commission would exercise its mandate and could have duly into consideration their respective powers in the procedure, as well as the composition, structure and competencies of the new Commission; in the event of a positive outcome of the referendum, the formal approval of the new college by the European Parliament should only take place after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon **and the election of the President of the Commission**;

Amendment

46. Stresses that, in any case, concerning the nomination of the new college, the procedure should only be launched after the results of the new referendum in Ireland are known; points out that as such the institutions would be fully aware of the future legal context in which the new Commission would exercise its mandate and could have duly into consideration their respective powers in the procedure, as well as the composition, structure and competencies of the new Commission; in the event of a positive outcome of the referendum, the formal approval of the new college by the European Parliament should only take place after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Considers that moving to this system of quinquennial financial and political programming will require a prolongation of the current financial framework contained in the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management until the end of **2015**, with the next one entering into force by the beginning of **2016**;

Amendment

50. Considers that moving to this system of quinquennial financial and political programming will require a prolongation of the current financial framework contained in the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management¹ until the end of **2016**, with the next one entering into force by the beginning of **2017**²;

Or. el

Amendment 47
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

– the General Affairs Council, in dialogue with the European Parliament, should adopt the operational **programming** of the activities of each group of three Presidencies for the entire 18-month term of their mandate, which will serve as a framework for the individual operational **programme** of each Presidency for its six months of activities;

Amendment

– the General Affairs Council, in dialogue with the European Parliament, should adopt the operational **timetable** of the activities of each group of three Presidencies for the entire 18-month term of their mandate, which will serve as a framework for the individual operational **timetable** of each Presidency for its six months of activities;

Or. en

¹ Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1). Agreement as last amended by Decision 371/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2008 (OJ L 128, 16.5.2008, p. 8.)

² *In accordance with the Böge report on the interim revision of the financial framework (2007-2013 (INI/2008/2055) and the Guy-Quint report on the financial aspects of the Lisbon Treaty (INI/2008/2054).*

Amendment 48
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51 – indent 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– the European Parliament should consult with the other European Union institutions in order to reach agreements on to what extent and how intensively Parliament is to be informed about the various programmes at its plenary sessions;

Or. nl

Amendment 49
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52. Stresses the **importance** of the new dimension that the Treaty of Lisbon brings to the external action of the Union as a whole, the CFSP included, which, together with the legal personality of the Union and the institutional innovations relevant to this area (notably the creation of the "doubled-hatted" High Representative and the European External Action Service (EEAS)), **could be a decisive factor in the coherence and effectiveness of the action of the Union in this domain and enhance its visibility as a global actor;**

52. Stresses the **uncertainty** of the new dimension that the Treaty of Lisbon brings to the external action of the Union as a whole, the CFSP included, which, together with the legal personality of the Union and the institutional innovations relevant to this area (notably the creation of the "doubled-hatted" High Representative and the European External Action Service (EEAS)), **is intended to bring coherence to the Union's external action; notes that the effectiveness of this external action will to a large extent be dependent on the office holders to be appointed and that this is too uncertain a basis to already welcome these innovations;**

Or. nl

Amendment 50
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Stresses the importance of the new dimension that the Treaty of Lisbon brings to the external action of the Union as a whole, the CFSP included, which, together with the legal personality of the Union and the institutional innovations relevant to this area (notably the creation of the "doubled-hatted" High Representative and the European External Action Service (EEAS)), could be a decisive factor in the coherence and effectiveness of the action of the Union in this domain and enhance its visibility as a global actor;

Amendment

52. Stresses the importance of the new dimension that the Treaty of Lisbon brings to the external action of the Union as a whole, the CFSP included, which, together with the legal personality of the Union and the institutional innovations relevant to this area (notably the creation of the "doubled-hatted" High Representative and the European External Action Service (EEAS)), could be a decisive factor in the coherence and effectiveness of the action of the Union in this domain and **significantly** enhance its visibility as a global actor;

Or. el

Amendment 51
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. **Regards** the creation of the "double-hatted" High Representative/Vice-President as a **fundamental step to ensure the coherence and** visibility of the whole external action of the Union;

Amendment

54. **Does not regard** the creation of the "double-hatted" High Representative/Vice-President **automatically** as a **guarantee of improved** visibility of the whole external action of the Union; **is above all concerned about the dormant conflict of competence between the European Council, the External Affairs Council and the Commission; notes that the European Parliament is contributing to this dormant conflict of competence by repeatedly stating that the Union's external policy must lie primarily with the Commission; is convinced that this position on the part**

of Parliament will put significant pressure on the High Representative;

Or. nl

Amendment 52

Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Regards the creation of the "double-hatted" High Representative/Vice-President as a fundamental step to ensure the coherence and visibility of the whole external action of the Union;

Amendment

54. Regards the creation of the "double-hatted" High Representative/Vice President as a fundamental step to ensure the coherence and the visibility of the whole external action of the Union; ***the nominated High Representative/Vice President should also reflect the diversity of the Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 53

Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Regards the creation of the "double-hatted" High Representative/Vice-President as a fundamental step to ensure the coherence and visibility of the whole external action of the Union;

Amendment

54. Regards the creation of the 'double-hatted' High Representative/Vice-President as a fundamental step to ensure the coherence, ***effectiveness*** and visibility of the whole external action of the Union;

Or. el

Amendment 54
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Stresses that the EEAS **will** have a fundamental role to play in supporting the activities of the High Representative/Vice-President and **will** constitute an essential element of the success of the new integrated approach of the external action of the Union; ***stresses that the installation of the new service will require a formal proposal of the High Representative/Vice-President, which will only be possible once he/she has taken up his/her duties, and which can only be adopted by the Council after the approval of the Commission and the opinion of the European Parliament***; declares its intention to fully exercise its budgetary powers in relation to the setting-up of the EEAS;

Amendment

56. Stresses that the EEAS **may** have a fundamental role to play in supporting the activities of the High Representative/Vice-President and **may** constitute an essential element of the success of the new integrated approach of the external action of the Union; ***is concerned, however, at the fact that, from the point of view of the Treaty, little can be said with certainty about the tasks and the composition of the staff of this service; calls on the High Representative/Vice-President to be nominated not to use this external service as a substitute for national embassies in third countries***; declares its intention to fully exercise its budgetary powers in relation to the setting-up of the EEAS;

Or. nl

Amendment 55
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Stresses that the tasks of the High Representative/Vice-President are extremely onerous and will require a great deal of coordination with the other institutions, especially with the President of the Commission, to whom he/she will be politically accountable in the areas of external relations that fall within the remit of the Commission, the rotating Presidency of the Council and the President of the

Amendment

57. Stresses that the tasks of the High Representative/Vice-President are extremely onerous and will require a great deal of coordination with the other institutions, especially with the President of the Commission, to whom he/she will be politically accountable in the areas of external relations that fall within the remit of the Commission, ***with*** the rotating Presidency of the Council and ***with*** the

European Council;

President of the European Council;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Costas Botopoulos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

58. Emphasises that accomplishment of the objectives that led to the creation of the post of High Representative/Vice-President will depend very much on a relationship of political trust between the President of the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President, and on the capacity of the High Representative/Vice-President to cooperate fruitfully with the President of the European Council, with the rotating Presidency of the Council and with the other Commissioners charged, under his/her coordination, with the exercise of specific competences relating to the external actions of the Union;

Amendment

58. Emphasises that accomplishment of the objectives that led to the creation of the post of High Representative/Vice-President will depend very much on a relationship of political trust between the President of the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President, and on the capacity of the High Representative/Vice-President to cooperate fruitfully with the President of the European Council, with the rotating Presidency of the Council and with the other Commissioners charged, under his/her coordination, with the exercise of specific competences relating to the external actions of the Union; ***for this reason urges that, in selecting individuals to fill the posts of Commission President and High Representative/Vice-President particular account be taken of the criteria which must be met regarding their ability to work together and forge a bond of mutual trust on a personal and political level;***

Or. el

Amendment 57
Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Calls on the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President to make full use of the possibility of presenting common initiatives in the field of foreign relations, in order to enhance the cohesion of the different areas of action of the Union in the external sphere and increase the possibility of those initiatives being adopted by the Council in relation to the CFSP;

Amendment

59. Calls on the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President to make full use of the possibility of presenting common initiatives in the field of foreign relations, in order to enhance the cohesion of the different areas of action of the Union in the external sphere and increase the possibility of those initiatives being adopted by the Council in relation to the CFSP; ***stresses in this connection the need for parliamentary supervision of foreign and security policy measures;***

Or. de

Amendment 58
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

– the High Representative/Vice-President should propose the nomination of special representatives, with a clear mandate defined in accordance with Article 33 of the Treaty on European Union, to assist him/her in specific areas of his/her competences in CFSP matters (those special representatives, nominated by the Council, should also be heard by the European Parliament and should keep the European Parliament regularly informed of their activities);

Amendment

– the High Representative/Vice-President should propose the nomination of special representatives, ***taking into account the equal representation of women and men,*** with a clear mandate defined in accordance with Article 33 of the Treaty on European Union, to assist him/her in specific areas of his/her competences in CFSP matters (those special representatives, nominated by the Council, should also be heard by the European Parliament and should keep the European parliament regularly informed of their activities);

Or. en

Amendment 59
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

– the High Representative/Vice-President should propose the nomination of special representatives, with a clear mandate defined in accordance with Article 33 of the Treaty on European Union, to assist him/her in specific areas of his/her competences in CFSP matters (those special representatives, nominated by the Council, should also be heard by the European Parliament and should keep the European Parliament regularly informed of their activities);

Amendment

– the High Representative/Vice-President should propose the nomination of special representatives, **taking into account the equal representation of women and men**, with a clear mandate defined in accordance with Article 33 of the Treaty on European Union, to assist him/her in specific areas of his/her competences in CFSP matters (those special representatives, nominated by the Council, should also be heard by the European Parliament and should keep the European Parliament regularly informed of their activities);

Or. en

Amendment 60
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

– whenever he/she is unable to participate in international meetings or events at ministerial level in the field of the CFSP, he/she should at his/her request be replaced either by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member State holding the Presidency at that time or by a special representative if the meeting/event concerns matters within the scope of his/her mandate;

Amendment

– whenever he/she is unable to participate in international meetings or events at ministerial level in the field of the CFSP, he/she should at his/her request be replaced either by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member State holding the Presidency at that time **or by another Commissioner** or by a special representative if the meeting/event concerns matters within the scope of his/her mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Bastiaan Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61a. Notes that the abovementioned guidelines may help determine the division of tasks between the President of the European Council, the President of the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President; reiterates the fact that the 'double-hatted' High Representative/Vice-President post carries with it the risk that this office holder will above all operate as a negotiator but play only a secondary role at the policy level in relation to the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission; is concerned that the High Representative/Vice-President will encounter, to a greater extent, identical problems to those experienced by the current High Representative; notes that the European Union has again opted to mask the lack of a genuine common foreign and security policy by creating new posts;

Or. nl

Amendment 62
Richard Corbett

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Considers that, ***in certain specific situations, it is also conceivable that the President of the Council, in particular the President of the General Affairs Council (notably the Prime Minister of the Member State holding the Presidency) but also the***

62. Considers that ***it will no longer be desirable that*** the President of the General Affairs Council (notably the Prime Minister of the Member State holding the Presidency) ***or*** the president of a specific Council sectoral configuration, be called to

president of a specific Council sectoral configuration, *may* be called to exercise *his/her* functions of external representation of the Union, *in agreement with the President of the European Council and the High Representative/Vice-President*;

exercise functions of external representation of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Stresses the importance of coordination and cooperation between all the different parties responsible for these different tasks of external representation of the Union, so as to ensure the coherence and visibility of the Union in the external sphere;

Amendment

63. Stresses the importance of coordination and cooperation between all the different parties responsible for these different tasks of external representation of the Union, so as to *avoid conflicts of competence and* ensure the coherence and visibility of the Union in the external sphere;

Or. de