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Amendment 5
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital A

Proposal for a decision

A. Parliament has over the years **considerably** extended its powers, securing for itself substantial tools enabling it to influence the decision-making process of the European Union in **most** of the Union's activities;

Amendment

A. Parliament has over the years extended its powers, securing for itself substantial tools enabling it to influence the decision-making process of the European Union in **many** of the Union's activities;

Or. de

Amendment 6
Zita Gurmai

Proposal for a decision
Recital A a (new)

Proposal for a decision

B. written declarations **have in the past served** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment

Aa. the institutions to which a written declaration is addressed should ensure that it is properly followed up;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Andrew Duff

Proposal for a decision
Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. written declarations **have in the past served** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment

B. written declarations **serve** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment 8
Fiona Hall

Proposal for a decision
Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. written declarations ***have in the past served*** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment

B. written declarations ***serve*** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment 9
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. written declarations ***have in the past served*** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment

B. written declarations ***still serve*** as a useful vehicle for raising issues of particular concern to Union citizens;

Amendment 10
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Recital C

Proposal for a decision

C. written declarations are used regularly but not in very great numbers; only a small percentage of them ***obtain*** the required support of a majority of Parliament's

Amendment

C. written declarations are used regularly but not in very great numbers; ***whereas in the past*** only a small percentage of them ***obtained*** the required support of a majority

component members;

of Parliament's component members, ***this percentage has been rising sharply during the present electoral period;***

Or. de

Amendment 11
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital C

Proposal for a decision

C. written declarations are ***used*** regularly ***but not in very great numbers***; only a ***small*** percentage of them obtain the required support of a majority of Parliament's component members;

Amendment

C. written declarations are ***tabled*** regularly ***on a very wide variety of topics; naturally*** only a percentage of them obtain the required support of a majority of Parliament's component members;

Or. de

Amendment 12
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Recital D

Proposal for a decision

D. most written declarations lapse after the period laid down in the Rules of Procedure;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 13
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital D

Proposal for a decision

D. **most** written declarations lapse after the period laid down in the Rules of Procedure;

Amendment

D. **the majority of** written declarations lapse after the period laid down in the Rules of Procedure;

Or. de

Amendment 14
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital E

Proposal for a decision

E. the majority of adopted written declarations are addressed to the Commission, which is recognised to be the only institution that has responded to the issues raised therein;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 15
Stanimir Ilchev

Proposal for a decision
Recital E

Proposal for a decision

E. the majority of adopted written declarations are addressed to the Commission, ***which is recognised to be the only institution that has responded to the issues raised therein;***

Amendment

E. the majority of adopted written declarations are addressed to the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Stanimir Ilchev

Proposal for a decision
Recital E a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ea. further efforts should be made to involve other Union institutions and bodies as addressees in the process;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital F

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

F. those responses are in most cases limited to reiterating ongoing activities of the Commission, and only in exceptional cases include a specific activity prompted by a written declaration;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 18
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Recital F

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

F. those responses are in most cases limited to reiterating ongoing activities of the Commission, and only in exceptional cases include a specific activity prompted by a written declaration;

F. ***however, at present*** those responses are in most cases limited to reiterating ongoing activities of the Commission, and only in exceptional cases include a specific activity prompted by a written declaration;

Amendment 19
Fiona Hall

Proposal for a decision
Recital G

Proposal for a decision

G. *in light of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of* written declarations *has substantially diminished*;

Amendment

G. written declarations *represent an effective tool enabling European citizens to communicate their concerns directly to the European Parliament*;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital G

Proposal for a decision

G. in *light* of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of written declarations has *substantially* diminished;

Amendment

G. in *spite* of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of written declarations has *not* diminished;

Or. de

Amendment 21
Stanimir Ilchev

Proposal for a decision
Recital G

Proposal for a decision

G. in light of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of written declarations has *substantially diminished*;

Amendment

G. in light of Parliament's growing *law-making* powers, *as well as* the *introduction of the European citizens'*

initiative, the significance of written declarations has *changed*;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Andrew Duff

Proposal for a decision

Recital G

Proposal for a decision

G. in light of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of written declarations has *substantially diminished*;

Amendment

G. in light of Parliament's growing *law-making* powers, *as well as the introduction of the European citizens' initiative, the* significance of written declarations has *changed*;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision

Recital G

Proposal for a decision

G. in light of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of written declarations has *substantially* diminished;

Amendment

G. in light of Parliament's growing powers, the significance of written declarations has *tended to diminish, though their importance as an instrument for addressing, independently of group and national allegiances, topics which are not the subject of immediate attention by Parliament and its committees, remains unaffected*;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a decision
Recital H

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

H. written declarations have a very limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, and may give a misleading impression as to their effectiveness;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 25
Fiona Hall

Proposal for a decision
Recital H

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

H. written declarations have a **very limited** impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, **and may give a misleading impression as to their effectiveness;**

H. written declarations **can** have a **positive** impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital H

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

H. written declarations **have a very limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, and may give a misleading**

H. **the impact of** written declarations **consists particularly in addressing topics which for various reasons have not found their way on to the agenda, and they thus**

impression as to their effectiveness;

*constitute an effective additional
parliamentary instrument;*

Or. de

Amendment 27

Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision

Recital H

Proposal for a decision

H. written declarations have a **very** limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, **and may give a misleading impression as to their effectiveness;**

Amendment

H. written declarations have **so far had** a limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, **though this impact may be increased by more binding rules for incorporating successful written declarations into the work of relevant committees;**

Or. de

Amendment 28

Stanimir Ilchev

Proposal for a decision

Recital H

Proposal for a decision

H. written declarations have a **very** limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, and **may give a misleading impression as to their effectiveness;**

Amendment

H. written declarations **in the current legislature** have a limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, and **therefore must be the subject of careful consideration, so that their effectiveness can rapidly increase;**

Or. en

Amendment 29
Andrew Duff

Proposal for a decision
Recital H

Proposal for a decision

H. written declarations have a **very** limited impact, in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, **and may give a misleading impression as to their effectiveness;**

Amendment

H. written declarations **may** have a limited impact in terms of both agenda-setting and influencing decisions taken by the institutions, **but retain value as a popular campaigning tool;**

Or. en

Amendment 30
Stanimir Ilchev

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. written declarations should be gradually restricted and in the next term Parliament should examine whether they should not be completely abolished;

deleted

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 31
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. written declarations should be gradually restricted and in the next term Parliament should examine whether they should not be completely abolished;

deleted

Amendment

Amendment 32
Andreas Mölzer

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. written declarations should be ***gradually*** restricted and in the next term Parliament should examine ***whether they should not be completely abolished***;

Amendment

I. ***accordingly*** written declarations should ***not*** be restricted and in the next term Parliament should examine ***how they might be rendered more attractive***;

Or. de

Amendment 33
Fiona Hall

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. written declarations should be ***gradually restricted*** and ***in the next term Parliament should examine whether they should not be completely abolished***;

Amendment

I. ***the Rules of Procedure for*** written declarations should be ***regularly examined with a view to improving their effectiveness and impact if necessary***;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. written declarations should be ***gradually restricted and in the next term Parliament***

Amendment

I. ***the use of*** written declarations should be ***gradually developed, with a view to***

should examine whether they should not be completely abolished;

incorporating successful written declarations into the work of the relevant committees;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Constance Le Grip

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. *written declarations should be gradually restricted and* in the next term Parliament should examine whether they should not be completely abolished;

Amendment

I. in the next term Parliament should *assess the impact of the new provisions of its Rules of Procedure concerning written declarations and* examine whether they should not be *restricted or even* completely abolished;

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Andrew Duff

Proposal for a decision
Recital I

Proposal for a decision

I. written declarations *should be gradually restricted* and in the *next term Parliament should examine whether they should not be completely abolished;*

Amendment

I. *the quality and relevance of some* written declarations, and in *particular their concordance with the competences of the Union as set out in Title I of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,* can be *underwhelming;*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Stanimir Ilchev

Proposal for a decision
Recital I a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ia. written declarations have a positive impact on Members' work which is directly aimed at their constituencies;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a decision
Recital I a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ia. Greater use should be made of Rule 42(2) of the Rules of Procedures, which gives individual Members a real opportunity to influence Union legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Zita Gurmai

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ia. Takes the view that the institutions to which a written declaration is addressed should inform Parliament about the intended follow up within three months from the receipt of such a declaration; intends, moreover, to seek an agreement with the Commission on this principle on the occasion of the next negotiations on

***the revision of the Framework Agreement
on relations between the European
Parliament and the Commission;***

Or. en

Justification

It is politically justifiable to provide a follow up to a written declaration.

**Amendment 40
Andrew Duff**

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 3**

Proposal for a decision

3. Calls on the Bureau to examine the existing rules governing security so as to avoid ***extensive*** advertising of written declarations and to allow untroubled access to Parliament's Chamber for its Members;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Bureau to examine the existing rules governing security so as to avoid ***over-zealous*** advertising of written declarations, ***including the wearing of unseemly T-shirts***, and to allow untroubled access to Parliament's Chamber for its Members;

Or. en

**Amendment 41
Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 3**

Proposal for a decision

3. Calls on the Bureau to examine the existing rules governing security so as to avoid extensive advertising of written declarations and to allow untroubled access to Parliament's Chamber for its Members;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Bureau to examine the existing rules governing security so as to avoid extensive advertising of written declarations ***via electronic and other media*** and to allow untroubled access to Parliament's Chamber for its Members;

Or. de

Amendment 42
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 3

Proposal for a decision

3. ***Calls on*** the Bureau to ***examine the existing rules governing security so as to avoid*** extensive advertising of written declarations ***and to allow*** untroubled access to Parliament's Chamber for its Members;

Amendment

3. ***Welcomes the decision of*** the Bureau to ***limit*** extensive advertising of written declarations, ***thus allowing*** untroubled access to Parliament's Chamber for its Members;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Alexandra Thein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. ***Up to five*** Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of ***an*** ongoing legislative ***process***. ***Authorisation*** shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be ***printed in the*** official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in ***a*** register. ***This register*** shall be public ***and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions***.

Amendment

1. ***A minimum of 40*** Members ***from a minimum of three political groups*** may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling ***exclusively*** within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of ongoing legislative ***or non-legislative procedures***. ***Specific and reasoned authorisation*** shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be ***translated into all*** official languages and distributed ***electronically to all Members***. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories in ***an electronic*** register ***that*** shall be public.

Amendment 44
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. *Up to five* Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Amendment

1. ***A minimum of 40*** Members ***from a minimum of three political groups*** may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Fiona Hall

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. *Up to five* Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of

Amendment

1. ***A minimum of 10*** Members ***from at least three political groups and five Member States*** may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of

an ongoing legislative process. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 46 **Andrew Duff**

Parliament's Rules of Procedure **Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

Present text

1. *Up to five* Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the *competence* of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Amendment

1. *At least ten* Members *from at least three political groups* may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the *competences* of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process. *Specific and reasoned authorisation* shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed *electronically*. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Zita Gurmai

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of ***an*** ongoing legislative ***process***. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be ***printed*** in the official languages and distributed. ***They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.***

Amendment

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words ***exclusively*** on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative ***or non-legislative procedure***. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be ***published*** in the official languages ***on Parliament's website*** and distributed ***electronically to all Members. The President shall keep a register containing the declarations signed by Members. The declarations in the official languages and the names of the signatories shall also be entered in an electronic register which shall be accessible to the public through Parliament's website.***

Or. en

Justification

For reasons of proof, a register with the originals of the signed written declarations should be kept, while sufficient transparency can be provided through electronic register. Moreover, the interpretation of paragraph 1 which was previously approved should be maintained.

Amendment 48
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

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Amendment

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written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of **an** ongoing legislative **process**.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be **printed** in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in **a** register. This register shall be public and shall be **kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions**.

written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of ongoing legislative **processes**.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be **published** in the official languages **on Parliament's website** and distributed **electronically to all Members**. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in **an electronic** register. This register shall be public and shall be **accessible through Parliament's website**.

Or. de

Amendment 49 **Stanimir Ilchev**

Parliament's Rules of Procedure **Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

Present text

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be **printed in the** official languages **and distributed**. **They** shall be **entered with the names of the signatories, in** a register. **This register** shall be **public and** shall be kept **outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate** location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Amendment

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be **translated into all** official languages. **All linguistic versions** shall be **kept in a specific** register **both electronically and on paper**. **The electronic version of every written declaration** shall be **distributed electronically to all Members**. **The paper version** shall be kept **in a special, easily accessible** location **within Parliament**, to be determined by the College of Quaestors,

between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Roberto Gualtieri

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which **does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process.** Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Amendment

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union **but for which no specific procedures are laid down in these Rules of Procedure.** Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Roberto Gualtieri

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which

Amendment

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which

does not cover issues that are the subject of *an ongoing* legislative process.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

does not cover issues that are the subject of *a* legislative process. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 52 **Stanimir Ilchev**

Parliament's Rules of Procedure **Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

Present text

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process.

Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Amendment

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative process. *Specific and reasoned authorisation* shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 53
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative *process*. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Amendment

1. Up to five Members may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words on a matter falling within the competence of the European Union which does not cover issues that are the subject of an ongoing legislative *procedure*. Authorisation shall be given by the President on a case-by-case basis. Written declarations shall be printed in the official languages and distributed. They shall be entered with the names of the signatories, in a register. This register shall be public and shall be kept outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Alexandra Thein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The signature of any Member may be added to a declaration entered in the register.

Amendment

2. The signature of any Member may be added to a declaration entered in the register. *Members shall sign the register by hand on a paper list accessible outside the entrance to the Chamber during part-sessions and in an appropriate location, to be determined by the College of Quaestors, between part-sessions. A signature is to be seen as final and cannot be withdrawn. The signatures on the*

paper list shall be transferred to the electronic register at the end of each day. Paper lists must be archived for one year.

Or. en

Justification

To avoid misuse and mistakes, an electronic signature in the electronic register alone shall not be sufficient.

Amendment 55
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The signature of any Member may be added to a declaration entered in the register.

Amendment

2. The signature of any Member may be added to a declaration entered in the register. *It may be withdrawn at any time before the end of a period of three months from the entry of the declaration into the register. Signing, and withdrawal of the signature, may take place electronically;*

Or. de

Amendment 56
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. *The signature of any* Member may *be added* to a declaration entered in the register.

Amendment

2. *Any* Member may *add his or her signature* to a declaration entered in the register, *either electronically or on the spot. Both forms of the register shall be kept equally updated.*

Or. en

Amendment 57
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. Any signature may be withdrawn, either electronically or on the spot, at any time before the end of a period of three months from the entry of the declaration in the register. Such withdrawal shall be allowed only once and as an exception. In such cases the Member concerned shall not be permitted to add his or her signature again.

Or. en

Amendment 58
Alexandra Thein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 3

Present text

Amendment

3. Where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly and publish the names of the signatories in the minutes and the declaration as a text adopted.

3. Where, ***at the end of a period of three months from its entry in the register***, a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly and publish the names of the signatories in the minutes and the declaration as a text adopted, ***together with a statement that the opinions expressed in it do not constitute the official opinion of the European Parliament but the opinions of the signatories, and that the declaration is a non-binding instrument.***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Andrew Duff

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. Where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly and publish the names of the signatories *in the minutes* and *the declaration as a text adopted*.

Amendment

3. Where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly and publish the *declaration in the minutes with the names of its supporters alongside a disclaimer stating that the declaration expresses the view of its signatories and does not bind Parliament*.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. Where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly *and* publish the names of the signatories in the minutes and the declaration as a text adopted.

Amendment

3. Where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members *within a period of three months from its entry into the register*, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly, *shall* publish the names of the signatories in the minutes and the declaration as a text adopted, *and shall forward it, together with the names of the signatories, to its addressees and to Parliament's relevant committee for further treatment*,

Or. de

Amendment 61
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. Where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly and publish the names of the signatories in the minutes and the declaration as a text adopted.

Amendment

3. Where, ***within three months from its entry in the register***, a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly and publish the names of the signatories in the minutes and the declaration as a text adopted.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. The procedure shall be closed by the forwarding to the addressees, at the end of the part-session, of the declaration, together with the names of the signatories.

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 63
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. The ***procedure*** shall be ***closed by the forwarding*** to the addressees, at the end of the part-session, ***of the declaration***,

Amendment

4. The ***declaration, together with the names of the signatories***, shall be ***forwarded*** to the addressees at the end of

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the part-session.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Stanimir Ilchev

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. On the basis of a successful written declaration, Parliament shall have a debate on the matter in question at an appropriate time in accordance with its agenda.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Stanimir Ilchev, Alexandra Thein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 4 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

4b. All language versions of a successful written declaration shall be published and stored in a special location on Parliament's website.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Zita Gurmai

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. Where the institutions to which the adopted text has been addressed do not inform Parliament about the intended follow-up within three months from its receipt, the matter shall, at the request of one of the authors of the declaration, be placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the committee responsible.

Or. en

Justification

A follow up within Parliament should be ensured when other institutions do not properly deal with the adopted declarations.

Amendment 67
Evelyn Regner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 5

Present text

Amendment

5. A written declaration that has remained in the register for over **three** months and has not been signed by at least **one half** of the component Members of Parliament shall lapse.

5. A written declaration that has remained in the register for over **two** months and has not been signed by at least **two thirds** of the component Members of Parliament shall lapse.

Or. de

Amendment 68
Roberto Gualtieri

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 42 – paragraphs 2 and 3

Present text

2. **Any Member** may table a proposal for a Union act on the basis of the right of initiative granted to Parliament under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

3. The proposal shall be submitted to the President, who shall refer it to the committee responsible for consideration. Before such referral, the proposal shall be translated into those official languages which the Chair of that committee considers necessary in order to make summary consideration possible. The committee shall take a decision on further action within three months of the referral, and after having heard the author of the proposal.

Where the committee decides to submit the proposal to Parliament in accordance with the procedure set out in Rule 48, the author of the proposal shall be named in the title of the report.

Amendment

2. **Up to five Members** may table a proposal for a Union act on the basis of the right of initiative granted to Parliament under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. **The proposal shall indicate its legal basis and may be accompanied by an explanatory statement of no more than 150 words.**

3. The proposal shall be submitted to the President, who shall **decide if the legal requirements are fulfilled. He may refer the proposal to the committee responsible for verification of the legal basis for advice. If the President declares the proposal admissible, he shall announce it in plenary. The signature of any Member may then be added to the proposal, in accordance (mutatis mutandis) with the provisions of Rule 123(1) and 123(5).**

Where a proposal is signed by a majority of Parliament's component members, the Conference of Presidents shall refer it to the committee responsible for drawing up a report in accordance with paragraph 1.

The committee shall draw up a report in accordance with Rule 48, having heard the author of the proposal.

Where a proposal is not submitted to additional signatures or is not signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall refer it to the committee responsible for consideration. Before such referral, the proposal shall be translated into those official languages which the Chair of that committee considers necessary in order to make summary consideration possible. The committee shall take a decision on further action within three months of the referral, and after having heard the author of the proposal.

The authors of the proposal shall be named in the title of the report.

Or. en