

# **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

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### **EU-ICELAND JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE**

- approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 22 November 2010;
- approved by the.....of the Althingi on.....

#### **Rule 1**

The EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee is established on the basis of the European Parliament's decision of 8 July 2010 and the Althingi's decision of 16 August 2010.

#### **Rule 2**

The task of the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the EU and Iceland, in particular those related to the accession process.

#### **Rule 3**

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, recommendations may be made to the European Parliament, to the Althingi and to the Government of Iceland, to the Council of the European Union and to the European Commission.

Recommendations shall be considered adopted if they receive the support of a majority of the members of the delegation of the European Parliament and of the delegation of the Althingi.

#### **Rule 4**

The EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be composed of an equal number of members appointed by the European Parliament and by the Althingi, respectively.

The term of office of the members of the delegations shall be decided in accordance with the rules and practices of the European Parliament and of the Althingi.

#### **Rule 5**

The Bureau of the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chairperson of the delegation of the Althingi and Vice-Chairpersons of each delegation.

The office of the Chairperson shall be filled by turns by the Chairperson of the European Parliament delegation and the Chairperson of the delegation of the Althingi. The Chairperson in office shall, where necessary, be replaced by the Vice-Chairperson of his or her delegation.

#### **Rule 6**

The EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee shall meet twice a year, once in one of the workplaces of the European Parliament and once in Iceland.

The draft agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Bureau, shall normally be sent to Members a fortnight in advance.

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Bureau of the Joint Parliamentary Committee decides otherwise.

#### **Rule 7**

Members of the Government of Iceland, members of the Council of the EU, members of the European Commission and any other person may, by decision of the Bureau, attend and speak at the meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

#### **Rule 8**

The Secretariat of the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be provided by the secretariats of the European Parliament and of the Althingi.

Summary report shall be drawn up for each session of the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee for approval at the opening of the following meeting.

#### **Rule 9**

Members may address meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in an available official language of the European Union or in Icelandic. Translation and interpretation will be provided on the basis of decisions of the Bureau of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, and in accordance with the internal rules of the European Parliament.

#### **Rule 10**

The travel expenses and subsistence allowances of Committee members and officials assisting them shall be paid by the Parliament that has appointed them.

Other expenses entailed by the meetings and activities of the Committee shall be apportioned between the European Parliament and the Althingi.

#### **Rule 11**

Changes to these rules, proposed by the Joint Parliamentary Committee, shall be submitted for approval to the Bureau of the European Parliament and to the..... of the Althingi.