

**RULES GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERGROUPS****DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS****OF 16 DECEMBER 1999<sup>1</sup>****Article 1**

Intergroups are not organs of Parliament and may not, therefore, express the opinion thereof.

**Article 2**

Intergroups may use neither the name nor the logo of the European Parliament nor any name which might lead to confusion with the official bodies of the European Parliament such as parliamentary committees, interparliamentary delegations and joint parliamentary committees. Any intergroup which does so, notwithstanding this provision, shall not be entitled to use Parliament's technical facilities.

**Article 3**

Intergroups may not undertake any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies or which are likely to have an adverse effect on relations with the other Institutions of the Union or relations with non-member countries.

**Article 4**

The establishment of intergroups shall be subject to the following conditions:

- applications must be submitted by Members for signature by at least three political groups. The political groups shall be allocated a limited number of signatures for any given parliamentary term, as indicated in the attached allocation scheme (Annex 1), which shall be revised at the beginning of each new parliamentary term,
- to be admissible, applications must be accompanied by the appropriate form (Annex II) and a declaration of financial interests (Annex III), in accordance with Article 2 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure,
- applications must be accompanied by a list of the members of the intergroup.

**Article 5**

Once established, intergroups must notify their names to the political group responsible for the coordination of the intergroups, and a declaration must be made to the Quaestors, accompanied

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<sup>1</sup> Consolidated on 3 May 2004 and amended by the Conference of Presidents on 14 February 2008.

by the documents referred to in Article 4. Any change must be notified to that political group at the earliest opportunity. The political group responsible for the coordination of the intergroups shall ensure that all the group chairs, the secretaries-general of the political groups and Parliament's Administration are duly informed thereof.

#### **Article 6**

The declaration of financial interests, which shall be drawn up under the personal responsibility of the intergroup chairs, shall be made annually. The officers of the intergroups shall be required to declare all direct or indirect financial support which, if offered to members as individuals, would have to be declared pursuant to Article 2 of Annex I to Parliament's Rules of Procedure.

#### **Article 7**

The Quaestors shall keep a register of the declarations of financial interests submitted by the intergroup chairs. That register shall be open to the public for inspection.

#### **Article 8**

Before entering a declaration in the register of the financial interests of the intergroups, the Quaestors may request any additional information which they require in order to establish each intergroup's objectives clearly and accurately and to guarantee transparency in the running of the intergroups.

#### **Article 9**

Technical facilities, conference rooms and interpretation shall be made available by the political groups only subject to the following conditions:

- intergroups may meet only during part-sessions in Strasbourg, at the times laid down in Annex III to the rules governing meetings of the political groups.
- intergroups must comply with the same timetabling restrictions as apply to meetings of the official bodies of Parliament. In particular, they may not under any circumstances meet at voting time during plenary sittings of the European Parliament.

#### **Article 10**

At the beginning of each parliamentary term, the intergroups shall be required to resubmit their applications for establishment under the terms laid down in these rules.

Number of signatures available to the political groups for the establishment of intergroups during the seventh parliamentary term (2009-2014):<sup>2</sup>

EPP	S&D	ALDE	VERTS/ ALE	ECR	GUE/ NGL	EFD
21	21	10	8	8	6	5

The signatures allocation scheme is determined at the beginning of each parliamentary term in accordance with an agreement concluded between the political groups.

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<sup>2</sup> Decision of the Conference of Presidents of 17 September 2009.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGROUP**

We, the undersigned,

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Members of the European Parliament, hereby apply to establish an intergroup, to be called:

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Objective of the intergroup:

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The intergroup will use/will not use a logo.  
(to be attached)

**The intergroup receives/does not receive funding.**

Details of the composition of the intergroup are attached.

The members of the intergroup hereby declare that they have noted the rules adopted by the Conference of Presidents on 16 December 1999 and undertake to abide by them.

Brussels, .....

Signatures

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**Signatures of political group chairs**  
(at least three signatures, from three different groups)

1..... 2..... 3.....



**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

**DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES  
OF GROUPINGS OF MEMBERS<sup>3</sup>**

**Year .....**

**THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS DECLARATION IS SUPPLIED UNDER  
THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAIR OF THE GROUPING OF MEMBERS  
AND MUST BE UPDATED EACH YEAR.**

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<sup>3</sup> Rule 9 of and Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.

**DECLARATION**

**Pursuant to Rule 9 of and Annex I to the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure concerning transparency and the financial interests of Members,**

**I, the undersigned,**

Surname: .....

Forename: .....

**in my capacity as chair of**

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**hereby declare that, in connection with the political activities of the grouping/intergroup of which I am chair, I have received the following outside support:**

**(a) Financial assistance:**

**provided by \***

**(b) Human resources:**

**provided by \***

\* Indicate the third parties from whom support has been received.

**(c) Equipment:**

**provided by: \***

1. Further information

Date

Signature

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To be returned to:

SECRETARIAT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES DIVISION

\* Indicate the third parties from whom support has been received.