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Amendment 863

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Proposal for a decision

Recital A (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

A. whereas the Rules of Procedure is the fundamental embodiment of the democratic life of the Parliament, enshrining and guaranteeing the rights and prerogatives of all Members and political groups, and especially of those of minorities and small political groups whereas their amendment should be endorsed by the largest possible majority, which should include the smaller political groups;

Or. en

Amendment 864

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

1a. Deplores the fact that the Parliament has not yet been able to adopt a common position on transparency, accountability and integrity in the institutions of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 865

Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. Underlines that those amendments to the Rules ***have taken due account of the provisions*** of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making;

Amendment

2. Underlines that those amendments to the Rules ***contain reflections on the implementation*** of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making;

Or. de

Amendment 866
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 3

Proposal for a decision

3. Requests the Secretary General to take the necessary measures to ***set up, as soon as possible, an electronic tool allowing Members who submit*** written questions to the other institutions ***to follow their progress***;

Amendment

3. Requests the Secretary General to take the necessary measures to ***adapt Parliament's IT systems immediately to the amended Rules of Procedure and create appropriate electronic tools, inter alia to follow up*** written questions to the other institutions ***of the Union***;

Or. de

Amendment 867
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 7

Proposal for a decision

7. Points out that ***these amendments to these Rules shall*** enter into force ***on the first day of the part-session following that of their adoption, with the exception: of Rule [212 (2)] on the composition of delegations, which shall enter into force for existing delegations at the opening of the first session following the next elections to the European Parliament due to be held in 2019***;

Amendment

7. Points out that ***these amendments will*** enter into force ***soon after*** their adoption, ***provided that all the organisational and technical conditions necessary to ensure that Parliament's work proceeds smoothly and transparently are fulfilled for this purpose***;

Or. de

Amendment 868
Helmut Scholz

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 8

Proposal for a decision

8. Asks the Committee on Constitutional Affairs *to review Rule [168a] concerning the new definitions of thresholds, as well as to review one year after the entry into force of that Rule the application of such thresholds to specific Rules;*

Amendment

8. Asks the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, *one year after the entry into force of the revised Rules of Procedure, to review their application and if appropriate to revise the Rules of Procedure again;*

Or. de

Amendment 869
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 2 – paragraph 1

Present text

Members of the European Parliament shall exercise their mandate independently. They shall not be bound by any instructions and shall not receive a binding mandate.

Amendment

Members of the European Parliament shall exercise their mandate independently. They shall not be bound by any instructions, *guidelines from political groups or lobbying* and shall not receive a binding mandate.

Or. el

Amendment 870
Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Charles Goerens

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 2 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

***At the beginning of their mandate
Members of the European Parliament
shall sign a solemn declaration stating
that they will serve in the general interest
of the Union. Failure to comply with this
declaration may lead to application of
measures in accordance with Rule 166
and 167.***

Or. en

Amendment 871
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Amendment

At the same time, the President shall draw the attention of those authorities to the relevant provisions of the Act of 20 September 1976 and invite them to take the necessary measures to avoid any incompatibility with the office of Member of the European Parliament.

At the same time, the President shall draw the attention of those authorities to the relevant provisions of the Act of 20 September 1976 and invite them to take the necessary measures to avoid any incompatibility with ***and/or impediment to*** the office of Member of the European Parliament.

Or. el

Amendment 872
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendment

Members whose election has been notified to Parliament shall declare in writing, before taking their seat in Parliament, that they do not hold any office incompatible

Members whose election has been notified to Parliament shall declare in writing, before taking their seat in Parliament, that they do not hold any office incompatible

with that of Member of the European Parliament within the meaning of Article 7(1) or (2) of the Act of 20 September 1976. Following general elections, the declaration shall be made, where possible, no later than six days prior to Parliament's constitutive sitting. Until such time as Members' credentials have been verified or a ruling has been given on any dispute, and provided that they have previously signed the above-mentioned written declaration, they shall take their seat in Parliament and on its bodies and shall enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

with that of Member of the European Parliament within the meaning of Article 7(1) or (2) of the Act of 20 September 1976. Following general elections, the declaration shall be made, where possible, no later than six *working* days prior to Parliament's constitutive sitting. Until such time as Members' credentials have been verified or a ruling has been given on any dispute, and provided that they have previously signed the above-mentioned written declaration, they shall take their seat in Parliament and on its bodies and shall enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

Or. el

Amendment 873
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The committee's report shall be based on the official notification by each Member State of the full results of the election specifying the names of the candidates elected and those of any substitutes together with their ranking in accordance with the results of the vote.

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. el

Amendment 874
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 3 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The committee shall ensure that any information which may affect the

Amendment

The committee shall ensure that any information which may affect the

performance of the duties of a Member of the European Parliament or the ranking of the substitutes is forwarded to Parliament ***without delay*** by the authorities of the Member States or of the Union, with an indication of the date of effect in the case of an appointment.

performance of the duties of a Member of the European Parliament or the ranking of the substitutes is forwarded to Parliament by the authorities of the Member States or of the Union, with an indication of the date of effect in the case of an appointment.

Or. de

Justification

The committee in question is not legally in a position to monitor the actions of the authorities of a Member State to ensure that they are performed 'without delay' but can only monitor whether those authorities forward the requisite information.

Amendment 875 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Parliament's Rules of Procedure **Rule 4 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. A Member's term of office shall begin and end as laid down in the Act of 20 September 1976. It shall also end on death or resignation.

Amendment

1. A Member's term of office shall begin and end as laid down in the Act of 20 September 1976. It shall also end on death or resignation ***or incompatibility with the mandate of Member of the European Parliament.***

Or. el

Amendment 876 **Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, Angel Dzhambazki, António Marinho e Pinto, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Tadeusz Zwiefka**

Parliament's Rules of Procedure **Rule 4 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2**

Present text

Where the competent authorities of the Member States ***or*** of the ***Union or the***

Amendment

Where the competent authorities of the Member States ***notify the President*** of the

Member concerned notify the President of an appointment or election to an office incompatible with the office of Member of the European Parliament within the meaning of Article 7(1) or (2) of the Act of 20 September 1976, the President shall inform Parliament, which shall establish that there is a vacancy.

end of the term of office of a Member of the European Parliament as a result either of an additional incompatibility established by the law of that Member State in accordance with Article 7(3) of the Act of 20 September 1976 or of the withdrawal of the Member's mandate pursuant to Article 13(3) of that Act, the President shall inform Parliament that the term of office of that Member ended on the date communicated by the Member State. Where no such date is communicated, the date of the end of the term of office shall be the date of the notification by that Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 877
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 5 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. *Passes* allowing *Members* to circulate freely in the Member States shall be issued *to them by the President of Parliament as soon as he has been notified of their election.*

Amendment

3. *A laissez-passer of the European Union* allowing *a Member* to circulate freely in the Member States *and in other countries which recognise it as a valid travel document* shall be issued *by the European Union to a Member on request and subject to authorisation by the President of the Parliament.*

Or. en

Amendment 878
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. For the purpose of performing their duties, all Members shall have the right to participate actively in the work of Parliament's committees and delegations in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

Or. de

Amendment 879
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 5 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

By means of a reasoned decision the Bureau may, on the basis of the powers assigned to it by Rule 25(12), deny a Member the right to inspect a confidential Parliament document if, after hearing the Member concerned, the Bureau comes to the conclusion that such inspection would cause unacceptable damage to Parliament's institutional interests or to the public interest, and that the Member concerned is seeking to inspect the document for private and personal reasons. The Member may lodge a written appeal, which must include reasons, against such a decision within one month of notification thereof. Parliament shall reach a decision on the appeal without debate during the part-session that follows its being lodged.

Or. de

Justification

The amendment is intended to make it clear who may take such an initiative and to make such action clearly subject to existing rules.

Amendment 880

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 5 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. In the context of the exercise of their political duties, each Member shall be entitled to participate freely, actively and without any kind of discrimination in the work of the committees and delegations of Parliament, and shall therefore be elected, pursuant to Rule 196 and Rule 212, as a full member of at least one standing committee and one interparliamentary delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 881

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 7 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

2. In particular, such a request for the defence of privileges and immunities may be made if it is considered that the circumstances constitute an administrative or other restriction on the free movement of Members travelling to or from the place of meeting of Parliament or on an opinion expressed or a vote cast in the performance of their duties, or that they fall within the scope of Article 9 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union.

2. In particular, such a request for the defence of privileges and immunities may be made if it is considered that the circumstances constitute an administrative or other restriction on the free movement of Members travelling to or from the place of meeting of Parliament or on an opinion expressed, ***political statement made*** or a vote cast in the performance of their duties, or that they fall within the scope of Article 9 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union.

Or. el

Amendment 882

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, António Marinho e Pinto, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 9 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. The committee shall make a proposal for a reasoned decision which recommends the adoption or rejection of the request for the waiver of immunity or for the defence of privileges and immunities.

Amendment

3. The committee shall make a proposal for a reasoned decision which recommends the adoption or rejection of the request for the waiver of immunity or for the defence of privileges and immunities. ***No amendments may be tabled to such a proposal. If the proposal is rejected, a contrary decision shall be deemed to have been adopted.***

Or. en

Amendment 883

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 9 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The Member ***shall not*** be present during debates on the request for waiver or defence of his or her immunity, ***except for the hearing itself.***

Amendment

The Member ***may*** be present during debates on the request for waiver or defence of his or her immunity.

Or. el

Amendment 884

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 9 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 4

Present text

If the Member fails to attend the hearing pursuant to that invitation, he or she shall be deemed to have renounced the right to be heard, unless he or she has asked to be excused from being heard on the date and at the time proposed, giving reasons. The chair of the committee shall rule on whether such a request to be excused is to be accepted in view of the reasons given, and *no* appeals shall be permitted on this point.

Amendment

If the Member fails to attend the hearing pursuant to that invitation, he or she shall be deemed to have renounced the right to be heard, unless he or she has asked to be excused from being heard on the date and at the time proposed, giving reasons. The chair of the committee shall rule on whether such a request to be excused is to be accepted in view of the reasons given, and appeals shall be permitted on this point.

Or. el

Amendment 885
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 9 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

7a. The committee's proposal for a decision shall be announced at the beginning of the first sitting following the day on which it was tabled.

The President shall set a period expiring 24 hours after the announcement during which the Member whose privileges or immunities are under consideration or a political group may request that the committee proposal for a decision be placed on the agenda for a vote.

Where no such request has been made within the period set in the second subparagraph, the committee's proposal for a decision shall be deemed to have been adopted.

Or. de

Amendment 886

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, António Marinho e Pinto, Evelyn Regner, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 9 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The committee's *report* shall be placed *at the head of* the agenda of the first sitting following the day on which it was tabled. No amendments may be tabled to *the proposal(s) for a decision*.

Amendment

The committee's *proposal for a decision* shall be placed *on* the agenda of the first sitting following the day on which it was tabled. No amendments may be tabled to *such a proposal*.

Or. en

Amendment 887

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Those rules shall not *in any way* prejudice or restrict Members in the exercise of their office or of any related political or other activity.

Amendment

Those rules shall not prejudice or restrict Members in the exercise of their office or of any related political or other activity.

Or. de

Amendment 888

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the *basic texts on which the European Union is founded*,

Amendment

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the *Treaties and particularly in the Charter of*

respect the dignity of Parliament *and* not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business *or disturb the peace and quiet of any of* Parliament's premises. *Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information.*

Fundamental Rights and respect the dignity of Parliament. *Furthermore, Members' conduct shall* not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business, *security and order on* Parliament's premises *or the functioning of its equipment.*

Members shall not resort to defamatory, racist or xenophobic language or behaviour in parliamentary debates, nor in that context shall they unfurl banners.

Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information.

Or. de

Amendment 889
Danuta Maria Hübner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 11 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises. Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information.

Amendment

Members' conduct shall be characterised by *the highest ethical standards and* mutual respect, *and shall* be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises. Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information.

Members shall not resort to defamatory, racist or xenophobic language or behaviour, in particular in parliamentary debates.

Or. en

Amendment 890

Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Charles Goerens

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises. Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information.

Amendment

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises. Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information. ***Members must respect these values and principles for their entire mandates, irrespective of whether or not they are within the Parliament's premises.***

Or. en

Amendment 891

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises. Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information.

Amendment

Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises. Members shall comply with Parliament's rules on the treatment of confidential information ***and documents.***

Or. el

Amendment 892

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Failure to comply with those standards and rules may lead to application of measures in accordance with Rules 165, 166 and 167.

Amendment

Failure to comply with those standards and rules may lead to application of measures in accordance with Rules 165, 166 and 167, ***which, as regards penalties shall be doubled in the case of repeated offence.***

Or. en

Amendment 893

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The application of this Rule shall in no way detract from the liveliness of parliamentary debates nor undermine Members' freedom of speech.

Amendment

The application of this Rule shall in no way detract from the liveliness of parliamentary debates ***or political clashes*** nor undermine Members' freedom of speech.

Or. el

Amendment 894

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

5a. Badges shall not be issued to individuals within a Member's entourage

who fall within the scope of the agreement on the establishment of the transparency register.

Or. en

Amendment 895

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 8 – indent 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

– *an organisation or a company shows a non-cooperative attitude, for example, by refusing to participate in public or in camera hearings held by parliamentary committees, by refusing to provide information or by providing false or misleading information during such hearings or in connection with its registration in the transparency register.*

Or. en

Amendment 896

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 11 – paragraph 8 – indent 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

– *the holder has refused to comply with a formal summons to attend a hearing or committee meeting or to cooperate with a committee of inquiry.*

Or. de

Amendment 897

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 11 – paragraph 8 – indent 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

– *the holder has refused to cooperate with inquiries, hearings or invitations to committee meetings without sufficient justification.*

Or. en

Amendment 898
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 11 – paragraph 8 – indent 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

– *the holder has refused to take part in a public hearing or turned down another invitation from a committee without proper justification.*

Or. pl

Amendment 899
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. **They** may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. **However**, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates **may** be

The President, **followed by the** Vice-Presidents and **the** Quaestors, shall be elected by secret ballot in accordance with Rule 182.

elected by acclamation.

Nominations shall be with consent; *they* may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. *New nominations may be handed in before each ballot.*

If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates *shall* be elected by acclamation, *unless at least one fifth of Parliament's component Members request a secret ballot.*

Or. de

Amendment 900

Ashley Fox, Kateřina Konečná, Andrew Lewer, Ian Duncan, Ruža Tomašić, Vicky Ford, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Branislav Škripek, Beatrix von Storch, Morten Messerschmidt, Helga Stevens, Christofer Fjellner, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Raymond Finch, Roger Helmer, Gunnar Hökmark, Roberts Zile, Kosma Złotowski, Geoffrey Van Orden, Amjad Bashir, Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Molly Scott Cato, Krišjānis Kariņš, Bas Belder, Ulrike Trebesius, Alberto Cirio, Patricija Šulin, Angel Dzhambazki, Eleftherios Synadinos, Maurice Ponga, Emma McClarkin, Lara Comi, Anthea McIntyre, Carolina Punset, Charles Tannock, Janusz Korwin-Mikke, Constance Le Grip, Fulvio Martusciello, Bernd Lucke, Georgios Epitideios, Amjad Bashir, David Campbell Bannerman, Daniel Dalton, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Bernd Kölmel, Bernd Lucke, Alojz Peterle, Markus Pieper, Mirosław Piotrowski, Joachim Starbatty, Peter van Dalen, Ivan Štefanec, Jana Žitňanská

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 15 – paragraph 1

Present text

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Amendment

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation. *Members shall be permitted to serve a maximum of two terms in the office of President pursuant to Rule 19(1), regardless of whether they are served consecutively or not.*

Justification

At a time when we are criticising the concentration of power within a number of countries around the world we feel that this amendment would not only promote fresh leadership, but also showcase the democratic values of this House and encourage checks and balances on one of our most visible representatives. Furthermore, given that the President of the European Council is elected for two and a half years, renewable once, it would be logical to align the rules on the term of office of the President of the European Parliament.

Amendment 901
Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 1

Present text

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Amendment

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation. ***Members may serve a maximum of two terms in the office of President pursuant to Rule 19(1).***

Or. en

Justification

It would be logical to align the rules of the term of office to the rules governing the President of the European Council.

Amendment 902
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 1

Present text

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by *secret ballot*, in accordance with Rule **182**. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Amendment

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by *roll-call vote*, in accordance with Rule **180**. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Or. en

Amendment 903
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 1

Present text

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least **40** Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Amendment

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least **25** Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Or. pt

Amendment 904
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 1

Present text

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by *secret ballot*,

Amendment

The President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors shall be elected by *roll call*.

in accordance with Rule 182. Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Nominations shall be with consent. They may only be made by a political group or by at least 40 Members. However, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Or. pl

Amendment 905

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 15 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Members shall be permitted to serve a maximum of one term in the office of President pursuant to Rule 19(1).

Or. en

Amendment 906

Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 15 – paragraph 1 – interpretation

Present text

Amendment

If a Vice-President is to be replaced and there is only one candidate, he or she may be elected by acclamation. ***The President is empowered to decide, at his discretion, whether the election is to take place by acclamation or by a secret ballot.*** The candidate elected takes the place of his or her predecessor in the order of precedence.

If a Vice-President is to be replaced and there is only one candidate, he or she may be elected by acclamation. The candidate elected takes the place of his or her predecessor in the order of precedence.

Or. de

Amendment 907

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. In the election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors, ***account should be taken of the need to ensure*** an overall fair representation ***of Member States and political views.***

Amendment

2. In the election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors, ***an effort shall be made to secure*** an overall fair representation ***which takes account of the overall political diversity of Parliament, gender equality and a fair geographical distribution. In these elections, Parliament's political diversity shall be reflected on the basis of the procedure decided by Parliament at the beginning of the parliamentary term.***

Or. de

Amendment 908
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 15 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. In the election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors, account should be taken of the need to ensure an overall fair representation of Member States and political views.

Amendment

2. In the election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Quaestors, account should be taken of the need to ensure an overall fair representation of Member States and political ***groups and*** views.

Or. el

Amendment 909
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 17 – paragraph 1

Present text

The Vice-Presidents shall then be elected

Amendment

The Vice-Presidents shall then be elected

on a single ballot paper. Those who on the first ballot, up to the number of 14, secure an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected in order of the number of votes obtained. If the number of candidates elected is less than the number of seats to be filled, a second ballot shall be held under the same conditions to fill the remaining seats. Should a third ballot be necessary, a relative majority shall suffice for election to the remaining seats. In the event of a tie the oldest candidates shall be declared elected.

on a single ballot paper. ***Seats shall be distributed in accordance with the d'Hondt method referred to in Rule 21a.*** Those who on the first ballot, up to the number of 14, secure an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected in order of the number of votes obtained. If the number of candidates elected is less than the number of seats to be filled, a second ballot shall be held under the same conditions to fill the remaining seats. Should a third ballot be necessary, a relative majority shall suffice for election to the remaining seats. In the event of a tie the oldest candidates shall be declared elected.

Or. en

Amendment 910
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 19 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Members may serve as President, Vice-President or Quaestor for no more than two consecutive terms.

(This amendment is to enter into force at the beginning of the 9th parliamentary term.)

Or. de

Justification

The aim of the amendment is, in addition to the duration of a term of office laid down in Rule 19(1), also to introduce a rule establishing how many consecutive terms may be served. Politically, this rule should be based on the rules concerning the President of the European Council.

Amendment 911
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 21 – paragraph 2

Present text

Where a rapporteur breaches the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest, the committee which appointed him or her may, on the initiative of the President and on a proposal by the Conference of Presidents, terminate the holding of that office. The majorities laid down in the first paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to each stage of this procedure.

Amendment

Where a rapporteur *or a shadow rapporteur* breaches the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest, the committee which appointed him or her may, on the initiative of the President and on a proposal by the Conference of Presidents, terminate the holding of that office. The majorities laid down in the first paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to each stage of this procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 912

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 21 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 21a

Criteria for distribution of offices

- 1. The distribution of offices within the European Parliament shall reflect the numerical strength of its political groups.***
- 2. The d'Hondt method shall be followed as general rule for the distribution referred to in paragraph 1.***
- 3. Exceptions may be allowed whether there is the need to ensure the participation of all political groups to the parliamentary activities.***

Or. en

Amendment 913
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 22 – paragraph 1

Present text

The President shall direct all the activities of Parliament and its bodies under the conditions laid down in these Rules. He shall enjoy all the powers necessary to preside over the proceedings of Parliament and to ensure that they are properly conducted.

Amendment

The President shall direct all the activities of Parliament and its bodies under the conditions laid down in these Rules. He shall enjoy all the powers ***and the resulting obligations*** necessary to preside over the proceedings of Parliament and to ensure that they are properly conducted.

Or. el

Amendment 914
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 22 – paragraph 1 – interpretation – subparagraph 1

Present text

This provision can be interpreted as meaning that the powers conferred by it include the power to put an end to the excessive use of motions such as points of order, procedural motions, explanations of vote and requests for separate, split or roll-call votes where the President is convinced that these are manifestly intended to cause and will result in, a prolonged and serious obstruction of the procedures of the House or the rights of other Members.

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Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 915
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 22 – paragraph 1 – interpretation – subparagraph 1

Present text

This provision **can** be interpreted as meaning that the powers conferred by it include the power to put an end to the excessive use of motions such as points of order, procedural motions, explanations of vote and requests for separate, split or roll-call votes where the President is convinced that these are manifestly intended to cause and will result in, a prolonged and serious obstruction of the procedures of the House or the rights of other Members.

Amendment

This provision **cannot** be interpreted as meaning that the powers conferred by it include the power to put an end to the excessive use of motions such as points of order, procedural motions, explanations of vote and requests for separate, split or roll-call votes where the President is convinced that these are manifestly intended to cause and will result in, a prolonged and serious obstruction of the procedures of the House or the rights of other Members.

Or. de

Amendment 916
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 22 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The duties of the President shall be to open, suspend and close sittings; ***to rule on the admissibility of amendments, on questions to the Council and Commission, and on the conformity of reports with these Rules***; to ensure observance of these Rules, maintain order, call upon speakers, close debates, put matters to the vote and announce the results of votes; and to refer to committees any communications that concern them.

Amendment

2. The duties of the President shall be to open, suspend and close sittings; to ensure observance of these Rules, maintain order, call upon speakers, close debates, put matters to the vote and announce the results of votes;

in cases in which amendments or other texts to be put to the vote in plenary infringe the primary law of the Union, damage Parliament's interests or damage its reputation, to rule on their admissibility; in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, to rule on the

admissibility of parliamentary questions;

and to refer to committees any communications that concern them.

Or. de

Amendment 917

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 22 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The duties of the President shall be to open, suspend and close sittings; to rule on the admissibility of amendments, on questions to the Council and Commission, and on the conformity of reports with these Rules; to ensure observance of these Rules, maintain order, call upon speakers, close debates, put matters to the vote and announce the results of votes; and to refer to committees any communications that concern them.

Amendment

2. The duties of the President shall be to ***guarantee the rights of Members and in particular those of Members who belong to minorities***; to open suspend and close sittings; to rule on the admissibility of amendments, on questions to the Council and Commission, and on the conformity of reports with these Rules; to ensure observance of these Rules, maintain order, call upon speakers, close debates, put matters to the vote and announce the results of votes; and to refer to committees any communications that concern them.

Or. en

Amendment 918

Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 22 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The duties of the President shall be to open, suspend and close sittings; to rule on the admissibility of amendments, on questions to the Council and Commission, ***and on the conformity of reports with these Rules***; to ensure observance of these Rules, maintain order, call upon speakers,

Amendment

2. The duties of the President shall be to open, suspend and close sittings; to rule on the admissibility of amendments ***and*** on questions to the Council and Commission; to ensure observance of these Rules, maintain order, call upon speakers, close debates, put matters to the vote and

close debates, put matters to the vote and announce the results of votes; and to refer to committees any communications that concern them.

announce the results of votes; and to refer to committees any communications that concern them.

Or. en

Justification

Reports, or parts thereof, adopted by a committee should not be subject to an admissibility test by the President.

Amendment 919

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

1a. The composition of the Bureau shall follow the d'Hondt method referred to in Rule 21a. At least one of non-attached members shall participate in Bureau meetings.

Or. en

Amendment 920

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 25 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. The Bureau shall make the technical and organisational arrangements to restrict access to Parliament's premises for organisations and individuals that fail to make entries in the transparency register yet that perform tasks which fall within the scope of that register.

Amendment 921

Charles Goerens, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 25 – paragraph 7

Present text

7. The Bureau shall *draw up* Parliament's preliminary draft budget estimates.

Amendment

7. The Bureau shall *adopt* Parliament's preliminary draft budget estimates.

Or. en

Amendment 922

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 25 – paragraph 12 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

12a. The Bureau shall create a public register of all calls and demands by Parliament on the Commission, on the Council and on Member States. That register shall include regularly updated documentation of the consequences of any such calls and demands.

Or. en

Amendment 923

Gerolf Annemans

on behalf of the ENF Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 26 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The President of Parliament shall invite one of the non-attached Members to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, without having the right to vote.

Amendment

2. The President of Parliament shall invite one of the non-attached Members, ***to be selected from among them by consensus or a vote by majority***, to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, without having the right to vote.

Or. en

Amendment 924
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 26 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The President of Parliament shall invite one of the non-attached Members to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, without having the right to vote.

Amendment

2. The President of Parliament shall, ***following a proposal by the secretary of the non-attached Members***, invite one of the non-attached Members to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, without having the right to vote.

Or. el

Amendment 925
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 27 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. The Conference of Presidents shall be the authority responsible for matters concerning relations with the other institutions and bodies of the European Union and with the national parliaments of Member States.

Amendment

3. The Conference of Presidents shall be the authority responsible for matters concerning relations with the other institutions and bodies of the European Union and with the national parliaments of Member States. ***Decisions concerning the mandate and composition of the delegation from the European Parliament***

to participate in consultations within the Council and in other European Union Institutions on fundamental issues concerning the development of the European Union (Sherpa process) shall be taken by consensus on the basis of relevant positions adopted by Parliament and taking into account the diversity of political views represented within Parliament.

Or. de

Amendment 926
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 27 – paragraph 7

Present text

7. The Conference of Presidents shall ***be the authority responsible for*** the composition and competence of committees, committees of inquiry, joint parliamentary committees, standing delegations ***and ad hoc delegations***.

Amendment

7. The Conference of Presidents shall ***make proposals to Parliament concerning*** the composition and competence of committees, committees of inquiry, joint parliamentary committees ***and*** standing delegations. ***The Conference of Presidents shall be responsible for authorising ad hoc delegations. Political diversity shall be reflected in the various committees and delegations on the basis of the procedure decided by Parliament at the beginning of the parliamentary term.***

Or. de

Amendment 927
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 27 – paragraph 7

Present text

7. The Conference of Presidents shall

Amendment

7. The Conference of Presidents shall

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Political diversity shall be reflected in the various committees and delegations on the basis of the procedure decided by Parliament at the beginning of the parliamentary term.

Or. de

Amendment 928
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 28 – paragraph 1

Present text

The Quaestors shall be responsible for administrative and financial matters directly concerning Members, in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Bureau.

Amendment

The Quaestors shall be responsible for administrative and financial matters directly concerning Members, in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Bureau. ***Parliament shall be informed in an appropriate form, and fully, about decisions that have been taken.***

Or. de

Amendment 929
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 29 – paragraph 1

Present text

The Conference of Committee Chairs shall consist of the Chairs of all standing or special committees.

Amendment

The Conference of Committee Chairs shall consist of the Chairs of all standing or special committees. ***Parliament shall be informed in an appropriate form, and fully, about decisions that have been taken.***

Amendment 930
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 30 – paragraph 1

Present text

The Conference of Delegation Chairmen shall consist of the chairmen of all standing interparliamentary delegations and shall elect its chairman.

Amendment

The Conference of Delegation Chairmen shall consist of the chairmen of all standing interparliamentary delegations and shall elect its chairman. ***Parliament shall be informed in an appropriate form, and fully, about decisions that have been taken.***

Amendment 931
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 31 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Any Member *may* ask questions concerning the work of ***the Bureau, the Conference of Presidents and the Quaestors***. Such questions shall be submitted to the President in writing, notified to Members and published on Parliament's website within 30 days of tabling, together with the answers given.

Amendment

2. ***This shall be without prejudice to the possibility for any Member to ask questions concerning the specific work of all bodies and of Parliament's Secretariat.*** Such questions shall be submitted to the President in writing, notified to Members and published on Parliament's website within 30 days of tabling, together with the answers given.

Amendment 932
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 31 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Any Member may ask questions concerning the work of the Bureau, the Conference of Presidents and the Quaestors. Such questions shall be submitted to the President in writing, notified to Members and published on Parliament's website within 30 days of tabling, together with the answers given.

Amendment

2. Any Member may ask questions concerning the work **and decisions** of the Bureau, the Conference of Presidents and the Quaestors. Such questions shall be submitted to the President in writing, notified to Members and published on Parliament's website within 30 days of tabling, together with the answers given.

Or. de

Amendment 933
Danuta Maria Hübner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 32 – title

Present text

Formation of political groups

Amendment

Formation **and dissolution** of political groups

Or. en

Amendment 934
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 32 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. A political group shall comprise Members elected in at least **one-quarter** of the Member States. The minimum number of Members required to form a political group shall be **25**.

Amendment

2. A political group shall comprise Members elected in at least **one-fifth** of the Member States. The minimum number of Members required to form a political group shall be **20**.

Or. de

Amendment 935
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 32 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The President shall not apply this derogation where there is sufficient evidence to suspect that it is being abused.

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 936
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 32 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

6a. Political groups shall be created by means of a declaration by the President in plenary. Such declaration shall have retroactive effects to the moment when the group notified its constitution to the President in conformity with this Rule.

Political groups shall be dissolved by means of a declaration by the President in plenary. In the case of a voluntary dissolution, such declaration, shall have legal effect from the date of the notification by the group to the President of its dissolution.

In all other cases, such declaration shall have legal effect from the day of its pronouncement by the President in the forthcoming part session, by which it is acknowledged that the required thresholds are no longer met, without prejudice to Rule 32(3).

Or. en

Amendment 937

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 32 – paragraph 6 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

6b. When a political group is dissolved, the Parliament shall ensure the rights of the Members and the enforcement of the obligations validly concluded by the group.

Where a political group is reconstituted, the Conference of Presidents may ensure legal, contractual, administrative and financial continuity between the group as originally constituted and the group as reconstituted.

Or. en

Amendment 938

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 33 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 33a

At the beginning of the new parliamentary term, Parliament shall decide the procedure for reflecting the political diversity of Parliament in the committees and delegations and in votes in bodies.

Or. de

Amendment 939

Beatrix von Storch

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34**

Present text

Amendment

Article 34

deleted

Intergroups

1. Individual Members may form Intergroups or other unofficial groupings of Members, to hold informal exchanges of views on specific issues across different political groups, drawing on members of different parliamentary committees, and to promote contact between Members and civil society.

2. Such groupings may not engage in any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies. Provided that the conditions laid down in the rules governing their establishment adopted by the Bureau are met, political groups may facilitate their activities by providing them with logistical support.

Such groupings shall be required to declare any support, whether in cash or in kind (e.g. secretarial assistance), which if offered to Members as individuals would have to be declared under Annex I.

The Quaestors shall keep a register of the declarations referred to in the second subparagraph. That register shall be published on the Parliament's website. The Quaestors shall adopt detailed rules on those declarations.

Or. de

**Amendment 940
Pier Antonio Panzeri**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – title**

Present text

Amendment

Intergroups

Intergroups *and friendship groups with third countries*

Or. en

Amendment 941
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. Individual Members may form Intergroups or other unofficial groupings of Members, to hold informal exchanges of views on specific issues across different political groups, drawing on members of different parliamentary committees, and to promote contact between Members and civil society.

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Or. de

Amendment 942
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. Individual Members may form Intergroups *or other unofficial groupings of Members*, to hold informal exchanges of views on specific issues across different political groups, drawing on members of different parliamentary committees, and to promote contact between Members and civil society.

1. Individual Members may form Intergroups to hold informal exchanges of views on specific issues across different political groups, drawing on members of different parliamentary committees, and to promote contact between Members and civil society.

Or. en

Amendment 943
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Such groupings may not engage in any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies. Provided that the conditions laid down in the rules governing their establishment adopted by the Bureau are met, political groups may facilitate their activities by providing them with logistical support.

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 944
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Such groupings may not engage in any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies. Provided that the conditions laid down in the rules governing their establishment adopted by the Bureau are met, political groups may facilitate their activities by providing them with logistical support.

Amendment

Such groupings ***shall be fully transparent in their actions and*** may not engage in any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies. Provided that the conditions laid down in the rules governing their establishment adopted by the Bureau are met, political groups may facilitate their activities by providing them with logistical support.

Or. en

Amendment 945
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Such groupings shall be required to declare any support, whether in cash or in kind (e.g. secretarial assistance), which if offered to Members as individuals would have to be declared under Annex I.

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 946

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Such groupings shall be required to declare any support, whether in cash or in kind (e.g. secretarial assistance), which if offered to Members as individuals would have to be declared under Annex I.

Amendment

Such groupings shall be required to declare, **annually**, any support, whether in cash or in kind (e.g. secretarial assistance), which if offered to Members as individuals would have to be declared under Annex I.

Or. en

Amendment 947
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Present text

The Quaestors shall keep a register of the declarations referred to in the second subparagraph. That register shall be published on the Parliament's website. The Quaestors shall adopt detailed rules on those declarations.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 948

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Present text

The Quaestors shall keep a register of the declarations referred to in the second subparagraph. That register shall be published on the Parliament's website. The Quaestors shall adopt detailed rules on those declarations.

Amendment

The Quaestors shall keep a register of the declarations referred to in the second subparagraph. That register shall be published on the Parliament's website. The Quaestors shall adopt detailed rules on those declarations ***and shall ensure the comprehensive enforcement of this Rule.***

Or. en

Amendment 949

Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy, Lynn Boylan, Liadh Ní Riada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Intergroups shall be required to publish information on support that they receive, whether financial or in-kind. Intergroups and all unofficial groupings shall be required to keep a list of their members (Members of the European Parliament and third parties). Such lists shall be published on the European Parliament website and updated at least twice a year. In order to operate in the European Parliament, all intergroups and unofficial groupings which involve non-parliamentary third parties shall also be required to register on the Union Transparency Register.

Justification

Amendment suggested by the Corporate Europe Observatory

Amendment 950

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 34 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall also apply to all other types of unofficial groupings of Members, in order to guarantee the same level of transparency level as for intergroups.

Or. en

Amendment 951

Pier Antonio Panzeri

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 34 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. This Rule shall also apply to friendship groups with third countries.

Or. en

Amendment 952

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 35 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

2. The Bureau shall determine the

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status and parliamentary rights of such Members.

status and parliamentary rights of such Members *which, in a spirit of equality and solidarity, shall be balanced similar to those of other Members.*

Or. el

Amendment 953
Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 37 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

After the adoption of the Commission Work Programme, the Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making, exchange views and agree on a joint declaration on annual interinstitutional programming setting out broad objectives and priorities.

Before negotiating with the Council and the Commission on the joint declaration, the President shall hold an exchange of views with the Conference of Presidents and the Conference of Committee Chairs regarding Parliament's broad objectives and priorities.

Before signing the joint declaration, the President shall seek the approval of the Conference of Presidents. If one of more political groups representing at least one-tenth of the component members of Parliament object to the draft joint declaration, it shall be put to the vote at the next part-session.

Or. en

Amendment 954
Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 37 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

1a. After the adoption of the Commission Work Programme, the Parliament, the Council and the Commission will, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making, exchange views and agree on a joint declaration on annual interinstitutional programming setting out the broad objectives and priorities of the three institutions.

Before negotiating with the Council and the Commission on the joint declaration, the President shall hold an exchange of views with the Conference of Presidents regarding Parliament's broad objectives and priorities. Sufficient prior notice shall be given to the political groups for them to form their opinions. The President may consult the Conference of Committee Chairs on the matter.

Before signing the joint declaration, the President shall seek the approval of Parliament.

Or. de

**Amendment 955
João Ferreira**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 37 – paragraph 2**

Present text

Amendment

2. In urgent and unforeseen circumstances, an institution may, on its own initiative and in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Treaties, propose adding a legislative measure to

2. At any time an institution may, on its own initiative and in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Treaties, propose adding a legislative measure to those proposed in the Commission Work

those proposed in the Commission Work Programme.

Programme. ***Parliament may make such a proposal via the committee responsible, a political group or at least 25 Members.***

Or. pt

Amendment 956

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 37 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The President shall forward ***the resolution*** adopted by Parliament to the other institutions which participate in the European Union's legislative procedure and to the parliaments of the Member States.

Amendment

The President shall forward ***resolutions concerning the planning and priorities of the Commission's legislative activity contained in its Work Programme*** to the other institutions which participate in the European Union's legislative procedure and to the parliaments of the Member States.

Or. de

Amendment 957

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 37 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. If the Commission intends to withdraw an existing legislative act or a proposal for an act, the competent Commissioner shall be invited by the committee responsible to a meeting to discuss the subject in question. The Presidency of the Council may also be invited to such a meeting. If the committee responsible disagrees with the Commission, it may request that the Commission make a statement to Parliament. Rule 123 shall apply.

Amendment 958

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 38 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Where the committee responsible for the subject matter, a political group or at least **40** Members are of the opinion that a proposal for a legislative act or parts of it do not comply with rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the matter shall, at their request, be referred to the committee responsible for the interpretation of the Charter. The opinion of that committee shall be annexed to the report of the committee responsible for the subject-matter.

Amendment

2. Where the committee responsible for the subject matter, a political group or at least **25** Members are of the opinion that a proposal for a legislative act or parts of it do not comply with rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the matter shall, at their request, be referred to the committee responsible for the interpretation of the Charter. The opinion of that committee shall be annexed to the report of the committee responsible for the subject-matter.

Or. pt

Amendment 959

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 38 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 38a

Gender equality

1. Where the committee responsible for the subject matter, a political group or at least 40 Members are of the opinion that a proposal or an action does not take sufficient account of the need for gender equality the matter shall, at their request, be referred to the committee responsible for Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

The opinion of that committee shall be annexed to the report of the committee responsible for the subject-matter.

2. That request shall be lodged within four working weeks of the announcement in Parliament of referral to committee.

Or. de

Amendment 960

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, António Marinho e Pinto, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 39 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. *If* the committee responsible for legal affairs decides to dispute the validity or the appropriateness of the legal basis, it shall report its conclusions to Parliament. Parliament shall vote on this before voting on the substance of the proposal.

Amendment

4. *Where appropriate, after exchanging views with the Council and the Commission in accordance with the arrangements agreed at interinstitutional level^{1a}, if* the committee responsible for legal affairs decides to dispute the validity or the appropriateness of the legal basis, it shall report its conclusions to Parliament. *Without prejudice to Rule 63*, Parliament shall vote on this before voting on the substance of the proposal.

^{1a} *Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better-Law Making, paragraph 25 (OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1)*

Or. en

Amendment 961

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, António Marinho e Pinto, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 42 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Where the committee responsible for the subject-matter is of the opinion that a proposal for a legislative act, or parts of it, does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity, it shall request the opinion of the committee responsible for respect of the principle of subsidiarity. Such request shall be made no later than four weeks of the announcement in Parliament of referral to the committee responsible for the subject-matter.

Or. en

Amendment 962

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 46 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

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. ***Such a proposal may be tabled together by up to 10 Members.*** The proposal shall indicate its legal basis and may be accompanied by an explanatory statement of no more than 150 words.

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. The proposal shall indicate its legal basis and may be accompanied by an explanatory statement of no more than 150 words.

Or. de

Amendment 963

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 46 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

6a. *The Conference of Committee Chairs shall regularly monitor whether the Commission is complying with paragraph 10 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, according to which the Commission is to reply to requests for submission of proposals within three months by adopting a specific communication stating the intended follow-up. It shall regularly report on this to the Conference of Presidents.*

Or. de

Amendment 964

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 49 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

2. Following a decision on the procedure to be followed, and if Rule 50 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legislative act from among its members or permanent substitutes if it has not yet done so on the basis of the *Commission Work Programme agreed under Rule 37*.

2. Following a decision on the procedure to be followed, and if *the simplified procedure under* Rule 50 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legislative act from among its members or permanent substitutes if it has not yet done so on the basis of *Rule 47(1b)*. *The appointment of two rapporteurs who already represent a political majority in the committee concerned shall be subject to approval by the Conference of Presidents on the basis of a qualified majority.*

Or. de

Amendment 965

Dennis de Jong

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 49 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. After the vote in the committee, coordinators shall decide on the desirability of an Impact Assessment (including the SME-test) concerning the amendments adopted by the committee

Or. en

Amendment 966
Dennis de Jong

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 49 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ca) If available, the Impact Assessment by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 967
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 52 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

A committee intending to draw up a **report and to submit to Parliament a motion for a resolution** on a subject within its competence on which **neither a consultation nor a request for an opinion has been referred to it under Rule 201(1)** may do so only with the authorisation of the Conference of Presidents. **Where such authorisation is withheld the reason must always be stated. Where the subject of the report is a proposal tabled by a Member**

A committee intending to draw up a **non-legislative report or a report under Rule 45 or 46** on a subject within its competence on which **no referral has taken place**, may do so only with the authorisation of the Conference of Presidents.

pursuant to Rule 46(2), authorisation may be withheld only if the conditions set out in Article 5 of the Statute for Members and in Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are not met.

The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on requests for authorisation to draw up such reports on the basis of implementing provisions which it shall lay down.

Where on a proposal from the committee responsible two rapporteurs who already represent a political majority in the committee are to draw up the requested report, this decision shall be taken on the basis of a qualified majority.

Or. de

Amendment 968
Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 52 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Motions for resolutions *contained in own-initiative reports* shall be examined by Parliament under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 151.

Amendments to such motions for resolutions shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if tabled by the rapporteur to take account of new information or by at least one-tenth of the Members of Parliament. Political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 170(4). Rule 176 and Rule 180 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 180 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

Amendment

Motions for resolutions *submitted to Parliament* shall be examined by Parliament under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 151.

Amendments to such motions for resolutions shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if tabled by the rapporteur to take account of new information or by at least one-tenth of the Members of Parliament. Political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 170(4). Rule 176 and Rule 180 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 180 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

Amendment 969
Angelika Mlinar, Eleonora Forenza

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 53 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 53a

Gender Mainstreaming Amendments

When the committee responsible for gender mainstreaming considers that a proposal or a motion for a resolution does not take sufficient account of the need for gender equality, it may decide to present its position in the form of an opinion or amendments;

Should the rapporteur of the committee responsible for the subject matter decide to formulate compromise amendments, the rapporteur for the opinion of the committee responsible for gender mainstreaming shall be involved in negotiations on those amendments.

The gender mainstreaming amendments or opinion referred to in paragraph 1 shall be taken into account where possible in the formulation of compromise amendments to be submitted to the committee responsible for the subject matter. The Chair of the committee responsible for gender mainstreaming or a member of that committee designated by him or her shall be involved in negotiations on those compromise amendments.

The committee responsible shall put these amendments to the vote.

Rule 53(3) and (5), (6) and Rule 205(2) and (4) shall apply.

Or. en

Amendment 970

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 53 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 53a

Gender mainstreaming amendments

The committee responsible for gender mainstreaming shall always be entitled to submit an opinion with regard to gender mainstreaming.

Such opinion shall consist of amendments to the motion for resolution of the committee for the subject matter or, in the case of documents of a legislative nature, of amendments to the text referred to that committee. Those amendments may be accompanied where appropriate by short justifications. Such justifications shall be the responsibility of the rapporteur for the opinion and shall not be put to the vote.

The committee responsible shall put these amendments to the vote.

Rule 53(3), (5) and (6), and Rule 205 (2) and (4) shall apply.

Or. en

Amendment 971

Danuta Maria Hübner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 54 – paragraph 1 – indent 3

Present text

Amendment

– the Chairs and rapporteurs concerned shall jointly identify areas of the text falling within their exclusive or joint

– the Chairs and rapporteurs concerned ***are bound by principle of good and sincere cooperation and*** shall jointly

competence and agree on the precise arrangements for their cooperation. In the event of disagreement about the delimitation of competences the matter shall be submitted, at the request of one of the committees involved, to the Conference of Presidents, which may decide on the question of the respective competences or decide that the procedure with joint committee meetings under Rule 55 is to apply; the second subparagraph of Rule 201(2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*;

identify areas of the text falling within their exclusive or joint competence and agree on the precise arrangements for their cooperation. In the event of disagreement about the delimitation of competences the matter shall be submitted, at the request of one of the committees involved, to the Conference of Presidents, which may decide on the question of the respective competences or decide that the procedure with joint committee meetings under Rule 55 is to apply; the second subparagraph of Rule 201(2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*;

Or. en

Amendment 972
Danuta Maria Hübner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 55 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

At all stages of the procedure, the rights attaching to the status of committee responsible may be exercised by the committees concerned only when they are acting jointly. The committees involved may set up working groups to prepare the meetings and votes.

Amendment

At all stages of the procedure, the rights attaching to the status of committee responsible may be exercised by the committees concerned only when they are acting jointly. ***Voting rights of the members of involved committees shall be weighted in order to ensure the parity and equality of those committees.*** The committees involved may set up working groups to prepare the meetings and votes.

Or. en

Amendment 973
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 56 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. *Where the rapporteur or the Chair of the committee responsible meets with interest representatives in the course of work on a report and where these meetings have had an influence on the outcome of the report, a list of the interest representatives concerned shall be annexed to the report.*

Or. de

Amendment 974

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 59 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 59a

Vote in Parliament-First reading

1. *Parliament may approve, amend or reject the draft legislative act.*

1. *Parliament shall vote first on any proposal for the immediate rejection of the draft legislative act that has been tabled in writing by the committee responsible, a political group or at least 40 Members.*

If that proposal for rejection is adopted, the President shall ask the originating institution to withdraw the draft legislative act.

If the originating institution does so, the President shall declare the procedure closed.

If the originating institution does not withdraw the draft legislative act, the President shall announce that the first reading of Parliament is concluded,

unless on a proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or at least 40 Members, Parliament decides to refer the matter back to the committee responsible for reconsideration.

If that proposal for rejection is not adopted, Parliament shall then proceed in accordance with paragraphs 1a and 1b.

1a. Any amendments to the draft legislative act shall be put to the vote, including, where applicable, individual parts of the provisional agreement tabled by the committee responsible under Rule 73d(4), where requests have been made for split or separate votes or competing amendments have been tabled.

Before voting on the amendments, the President may ask the Commission to state its position and the Council to comment.

After the vote on those amendments has taken place, Parliament shall vote on the whole draft legislative act, amended or otherwise.

If the whole draft legislative act, amended or otherwise, is adopted, the President shall announce that the first reading has been concluded, unless, on a proposal of the Chair or the rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or at least 40 Members, Parliament decides to refer the matter back to the committee responsible, for interinstitutional negotiations in accordance with Rules 59a, 73a and 73d.

If the whole draft legislative act as amended fails to secure a majority of the votes cast, the President shall announce that the first reading has been concluded with the proposal having been rejected, unless, on a proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or at least 40 Members, Parliament decides to refer the matter back to the committee responsible

for reconsideration.

Ib. After the votes taken under paragraphs 1 and 1a, and the votes subsequently taken on amendments to the draft legislative resolution relating to procedural requests, if any, the legislative resolution shall be deemed to have been adopted. If need be, the legislative resolution shall be modified, pursuant to Rule 193(2), in order to reflect the outcome of the votes taken under paragraphs 1 and 1a.

The text of the legislative resolution and of Parliament's position shall be forwarded by the President to the Council and the Commission, as well as, where the draft legislative act originates from them, to the group of Member States, the Court of Justice or the European Central Bank.

Or. en

Amendment 975
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 59 a – interpretation (new)

Present text

Amendment

Nothing prevents Parliament from deciding to hold, if appropriate, a concluding debate following the report by the Committee responsible to which the matter has been referred back.

Or. en

Justification

This interpretation comes from Rule 61 (2), fourth subparagraph as adopted on 15 September 2016.

Amendment 976
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 60 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. If a Commission proposal fails to secure a majority of the votes cast or if a motion for its rejection, which may be tabled by the committee responsible or by at least **40** Members, has been adopted, the President shall, before Parliament votes on the draft legislative resolution, ask the Commission to withdraw the proposal.

Amendment

1. If a Commission proposal fails to secure a majority of the votes cast or if a motion for its rejection, which may be tabled by the committee responsible or by at least **25** Members, has been adopted, the President shall, before Parliament votes on the draft legislative resolution, ask the Commission to withdraw the proposal.

Or. pt

Amendment 977
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 60 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. If a Commission proposal fails to secure a majority of the votes cast or if a motion for its rejection, which may be tabled by the committee responsible or by **at least 40** Members, has been adopted, the President shall, before Parliament votes on the draft legislative resolution, ask the Commission to withdraw the proposal.

Amendment

1. If a Commission proposal fails to secure a majority of the votes cast or if a motion for its rejection, which may be tabled by the committee responsible or by **one-twentieth of Parliament's component Members or by a political group**, has been adopted, the President shall, before Parliament votes on the draft legislative resolution, ask the Commission to withdraw the proposal.

Or. de

Amendment 978
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 60 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If the Commission does not withdraw its proposal, Parliament shall refer the matter back to the committee responsible without voting on the draft legislative resolution, unless Parliament, on a proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or at least **40** Members, proceeds to vote on the draft legislative resolution.

Amendment

If the Commission does not withdraw its proposal, Parliament shall refer the matter back to the committee responsible without voting on the draft legislative resolution, unless Parliament, on a proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or at least **25** Members, proceeds to vote on the draft legislative resolution.

Or. pt

Amendment 979
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 60 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If the Commission does not withdraw its proposal, Parliament shall refer the matter back to the committee responsible without voting on the draft legislative resolution, unless Parliament, on a proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or **at least 40** Members, proceeds to vote on the draft legislative resolution.

Amendment

If the Commission does not withdraw its proposal, Parliament shall refer the matter back to the committee responsible without voting on the draft legislative resolution, unless Parliament, on a proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political group or **of one-twentieth of Parliament's component** Members, proceeds to vote on the draft legislative resolution.

Or. de

Amendment 980
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 61(2) – interpretation

Present text

Nothing prevents Parliament from deciding to hold, if appropriate, a concluding debate following the report by

Amendment

deleted

the Committee responsible to which the matter has been referred back.

Or. en

Justification

This interpretation has been moved to Rule 59a.

Amendment 981
Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 62 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. In the period following the adoption by Parliament of its position on a proposal by the Commission, the Chair and the rapporteur of the committee responsible shall monitor the progress of the proposal over the course of the procedure leading to its adoption by the Council, in particular to ensure that the undertakings given by the Council or the Commission to Parliament concerning its position are properly observed.

Amendment

1. In the period following the adoption by Parliament of its position on a proposal by the Commission, the Chair and the rapporteur of the committee responsible shall monitor the progress of the proposal over the course of the procedure leading to its adoption by the Council, in particular to ensure that the undertakings given by the Council or the Commission to Parliament concerning its position are properly observed. ***They shall report back to the committee regularly.***

Or. en

Amendment 982
Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, Angel Dzhambazki, António Marinho e Pinto, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 63 – paragraph 1 – indent 1

Present text

– where the Commission ***withdraws*** its initial proposal after Parliament has adopted its position, in order to replace it

Amendment

– where the Commission ***replaces, substantially amends or intends substantially to amend*** its initial proposal

with another text, except where this is done in order to take account of Parliament's position; *or*

after Parliament has adopted its position, in order to replace it with another text, except where this is done in order to take account of Parliament's position; *if the Commission intends to modify the legal basis provided for in its initial proposal, with the result that the ordinary legislative procedure would no longer apply, the President may also act at the request of the committee responsible for legal affairs;*

Or. en

Amendment 983

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, António Marinho e Pinto, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 63 – paragraph 1 – indent 2

Present text

Amendment

– *where the Commission substantially amends or intends to amend its initial proposal, except where this is done in order to take account of Parliament's position; or*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 984

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, António Marinho e Pinto, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 63 – paragraph 1 – indent 3

Present text

Amendment

– where, through the passage of time or changes in circumstances, the nature of the problem with which the proposal is concerned substantially changes; *or*

– where, through the passage of time or changes in circumstances, the nature of the problem with which the proposal is concerned substantially changes;

Amendment 985

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, Angel Dzhambazki, António Marinho e Pinto, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Tadeusz Zwiefka

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 63 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. *Parliament* shall, at the request of the committee responsible, *ask the Council to refer again to Parliament a proposal submitted by the Commission pursuant to Article 294 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union*, where the Council intends to modify the legal basis *of the proposal* with the result that the ordinary legislative procedure *will* no longer apply.

Amendment

2. *The President* shall, at the request of the committee responsible *for the subject-matter or the committee responsible for legal affairs*, *ask the Council to refer a draft legislative act to Parliament again*, where the Council intends to modify the legal basis *provided for in Parliament's position at first reading* with the result that the ordinary legislative procedure *would* no longer apply.

Amendment 986

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 63 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. The President shall also request that a proposal for an act be referred again to Parliament in the circumstances defined in this Rule where Parliament so decides on a proposal from a political group or at least **40** Members.

Amendment

4. The President shall also request that a proposal for an act be referred again to Parliament in the circumstances defined in this Rule where Parliament so decides on a proposal from a political group or at least **25** Members.

Amendment 987

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 67 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 67a

Vote in Parliament-Second reading

1. Parliament shall vote first on any proposal for immediate rejection of Council's position tabled in writing by the committee responsible, a political group or at least 40 Members. For it to be adopted, such a proposal shall require the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament.

If the Council's position is rejected, the President shall announce in Parliament that the legislative procedure is closed.

If that proposal for rejection is not adopted, Parliament shall then proceed in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 4.

2. Save where a proposal for rejection has been adopted in accordance with paragraph 1, the amendments to the Council's position, including those contained in the provisional agreement tabled by the committee responsible under Rule 73d(4), shall be put to the vote. Any amendment to the Council's position shall be adopted only if it secures the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament.

Before voting on the amendments, the President may ask the Commission to state its position and the Council to comment.

3. Notwithstanding a vote by Parliament against the initial proposal to reject the Council's position under paragraph 1, Parliament may, on the proposal of the Chair or rapporteur of the committee responsible or of a political

group or at least 40 Members, consider a further proposal for rejection after voting on the amendments under paragraph 3. For it to be adopted, such a proposal shall require the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament.

If the Council's position is rejected, the President shall announce in Parliament that the legislative procedure is closed.

4. After the votes taken under paragraphs 1 to 3 and any votes then taken on amendments to the draft legislative resolution relating to procedural requests, the President shall announce that the second reading of Parliament has been concluded and the legislative resolution shall be deemed to have been adopted. If need be, it shall be modified, pursuant to Rule 193(2), to reflect the outcome of the votes taken under paragraphs 1 to 3 or to the application of Rule 76.

The text of the legislative resolution and of Parliament's position, if any, shall be forwarded by the President to the Council and to the Commission.

Where no proposal to reject or amend the Council's position has been tabled, it shall be deemed to have been approved.

Or. en

Amendment 988
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 68 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. The committee responsible, a political group or at least **40** Members may, in writing and before a deadline set by the President, table a proposal to reject the Council's position. Such a proposal

Amendment

1. The committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members may, in writing and before a deadline set by the President, table a proposal to reject the Council's position. Such a proposal

shall require for adoption the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament. A proposal to reject the Council's position shall be voted on before voting on any amendments.

shall require for adoption the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament. A proposal to reject the Council's position shall be voted on before voting on any amendments.

Or. pt

Amendment 989
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 68 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. The committee responsible, a political group or **at least 40** Members may, in writing and before a deadline set by the President, table a proposal to reject the Council's position. Such a proposal shall require for adoption the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament. A proposal to reject the Council's position shall be voted on before voting on any amendments.

Amendment

1. The committee responsible, a political group or **one-twentieth of Parliament's component** Members may, in writing and before a deadline set by the President, table a proposal to reject the Council's position. Such a proposal shall require for adoption the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament. A proposal to reject the Council's position shall be voted on before voting on any amendments.

Or. de

Amendment 990
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 69 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. The committee responsible, a political group or at least **40** Members may table amendments to the Council's position for consideration in Parliament.

Amendment

1. The committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members may table amendments to the Council's position for consideration in Parliament.

Or. pt

Amendment 991
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 71 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The political composition of the delegation shall correspond to the composition of Parliament by political groups. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the exact number of Members from each political group.

Amendment

2. The political composition of the delegation shall correspond to the composition of Parliament by political groups **and the non-attached Members**. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the exact number of Members from each political group.

Or. el

Amendment 992
Julie Girling

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 73 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Such negotiations shall not be entered into prior to the adoption by **the committee responsible**, on a case-by-case basis for every legislative procedure concerned and by a majority of its members, of a decision on the opening of negotiations. That decision shall determine the mandate and the composition of the negotiating team. **Such decisions shall be notified to the President, who shall keep the Conference of Presidents informed on a regular basis.**

Amendment

Such negotiations shall not be entered into prior to the adoption by **Parliament**, on a case-by-case basis for every legislative procedure concerned and by a majority of its members, of a decision on the opening of negotiations. That decision shall determine the mandate and the composition of the negotiating team.

Or. en

Justification

In the interest of democracy and transparency, negotiations should only be entered into on the basis of a mandate granted by the Parliament.

Amendment 993

Julie Girling

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 73 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The mandate shall consist of a *report* adopted *in committee and tabled for later consideration by Parliament. By way of exception, where the committee responsible considers it duly justified to enter into negotiations prior to the adoption of a report in committee, the mandate may consist of a set of amendments or a set of clearly defined objectives, priorities or orientations.*

Amendment

The mandate shall consist of a *text* adopted *by Parliament.*

Or. en

Justification

In the interest of democracy and transparency, negotiations should only be entered into on the basis of a mandate granted by the Parliament.

Amendment 994

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 73 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

After each trilogue the negotiating team shall report back to the following meeting of the committee responsible. Documents reflecting the outcome of the last trilogue shall be made available to the committee.

Amendment

After each trilogue the negotiating team shall report back to the following meeting of the committee responsible. Documents reflecting the outcome of the last trilogue, *including minutes of that trilogue*, shall be made available to the committee, *and shall be made public as soon as possible.*

Or. en

Amendment 995

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 73 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

After each trilogue the negotiating team shall report back to the following meeting of the committee responsible. Documents reflecting the outcome of the last trilogue shall be made available to the committee.

Amendment

After each trilogue the negotiating team shall report back to the following meeting of the committee responsible. Documents reflecting the outcome of the last trilogue shall be made available to the committee **and shall be published, proactively, by the Committee Chair.**

Or. en

Amendment 996

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 73 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3

Present text

Where it is not feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the ***negotiating team shall report back to the Chair, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators of the committee, as appropriate.***

Amendment

Where it is not feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the ***Chair of the negotiating team and the rapporteur, on behalf of the negotiating team, shall report back to the committee in writing.***

Or. en

Amendment 997

Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 73 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 73a

Negotiations ahead of Parliament's first reading

1. Where a committee has adopted a legislative report pursuant to Rule 49, it may decide, by a majority of its members, to enter into negotiations on the basis of that report.

2. Decisions to enter into negotiations shall be announced at the beginning of the part-session following their adoption in committee. By the end of the day following the announcement in Parliament, one political group or at least one-tenth of the Members may request in writing that a committee decision to enter into negotiations be put to the vote. Parliament shall vote on such requests during the same part-session.

If no such request is received by the expiry of the deadline laid down in subparagraph 1, the President shall inform the Parliament that this is the case. If a request is made, the President may, immediately prior to the vote, give the floor to one speaker in favour and to one speaker against. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than two minutes.

3. If Parliament rejects the committee decision to enter into negotiations, the draft legislative act and the report of the committee responsible shall be placed on the agenda of the following part-session, and the President shall set a deadline for amendments. Rule 59(1b) shall apply.

4. Negotiations may start at any time after the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 has expired without a request for a plenary vote on the decision to enter into negotiations being made. If such a request has been made, negotiations may start at any time after the committee decision to enter into negotiations has been approved in Parliament by a majority of the votes cast.

Amendment 998
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 78 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 78a

Follow-up to Parliament's position

1. In the period following the adoption by Parliament of its position on a draft legislative act, the Chair and the rapporteur of the committee responsible shall monitor the progress of that draft act over the course of the procedure leading to its adoption by the Council, in particular in order to ensure that any undertakings given by the Council or the Commission to Parliament concerning its position are properly observed. They shall report back regularly to the committee responsible.

2. The committee responsible may invite the Commission and the Council to discuss the matter with it.

3. At any stage of the follow-up procedure, the committee responsible may, if it deems it to be necessary, table a motion for a resolution under this Rule recommending that Parliament:

– call upon the Commission to withdraw its proposal, or

– call upon the Commission or the Council to refer the matter to Parliament once again pursuant to Rule 78e, or upon the Commission to present a new proposal, or

– decide to take such other action as it deems appropriate.

This motion shall be placed on the draft agenda of the part-session following the

adoption of the motion by the committee.

Or. de

Amendment 999
Danuta Maria Hübner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 79 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If the European Council decides to convene a Convention, *the representatives of Parliament* shall be appointed by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents.

Amendment

If the European Council decides to convene a Convention, *Parliament's delegation* shall be appointed by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents.

When appointing Parliament's delegation, account shall be taken of the need to ensure a representation of political views that is fair overall, as well as gender and geographical balance.

Or. en

Amendment 1000
Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 79 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If the European Council decides to convene a Convention, the representatives of Parliament shall be appointed by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents.

Amendment

If the European Council decides to convene a Convention, the representatives of Parliament shall be appointed by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. *Where possible, it shall comprise at least one member from each of the political groups that wishes to participate.*

Or. en

Amendment 1001

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 79 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If the European Council decides to convene a Convention, the representatives of Parliament shall be appointed by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents.

Amendment

If the European Council decides to convene a Convention, the representatives of Parliament shall be appointed by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. ***Wherever possible, all political groups shall be represented by at least one member in the Parliament delegation to the Convention.***

Or. de

Amendment 1002

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 81 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Parliament may decide, on a proposal from the committee responsible, a political group or at least **40** Members, to request the Commission and the Council to take part in a debate before negotiations with the applicant State commence.

Amendment

2. Parliament may decide, on a proposal from the committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members, to request the Commission and the Council to take part in a debate before negotiations with the applicant State commence.

Or. pt

Amendment 1003

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 88 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Draft amendments shall be admissible only if they are presented in writing, bear the signatures of at least **40** Members or are tabled on behalf of a political group or committee, specify the budget heading to which they refer and ensure the maintenance of a balance between revenue and expenditure. Draft amendments shall include all relevant information on the remarks to be entered against the budget heading in question.

Amendment

Draft amendments shall be admissible only if they are presented in writing, bear the signatures of at least **25** Members or are tabled on behalf of a political group or committee, specify the budget heading to which they refer and ensure the maintenance of a balance between revenue and expenditure. Draft amendments shall include all relevant information on the remarks to be entered against the budget heading in question.

Or. pt

Amendment 1004

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 88 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Draft amendments which have been rejected in the committee responsible shall not be put to the vote in Parliament unless this has been requested in writing, before a deadline to be set by the President, by a committee or at least 40 Members; that deadline may on no account be less than 24 hours before the start of the vote.

Amendment

Draft amendments which have been rejected in the committee responsible shall not be put to the vote in Parliament unless this has been requested in writing, before a deadline to be set by the President, by a committee, ***a political group*** or at least 40 Members; that deadline may on no account be less than 24 hours before the start of the vote.

Or. en

Amendment 1005

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 88 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Draft amendments which have been rejected in the committee responsible shall not be put to the vote in Parliament unless this has been requested in writing, before a deadline to be set by the President, by a committee or at least **40** Members; that deadline may on no account be less than 24 hours before the start of the vote.

Amendment

Draft amendments which have been rejected in the committee responsible shall not be put to the vote in Parliament unless this has been requested in writing, before a deadline to be set by the President, by a committee or at least **25** Members; that deadline may on no account be less than 24 hours before the start of the vote.

Or. pt

Amendment 1006
Danuta Maria Hübner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 88 – paragraph 5

Present text

5. *Draft amendments to the estimates of Parliament which are similar to those already rejected by Parliament at the time when the estimates were drawn up shall be discussed only where the committee responsible has delivered a favourable opinion.*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 1007
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 88 – paragraph 9

Present text

9. If Parliament has amended the *draft budget*, the draft budget thus amended shall be forwarded to the Council and the Commission, together with the justifications.

Amendment

9. If Parliament has amended the *Council's position on* the draft budget, *the position* thus amended shall be forwarded to the Council and the Commission, together with the justifications *and the*

minutes of the sitting at which the amendments were adopted.

Or. en

Amendment 1008
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 88 – paragraph 10

Present text

Amendment

10. The minutes of the sitting at which Parliament delivered its opinion on the draft budget shall be forwarded to the Council and the Commission. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 1009
Ingeborg Gräßle, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Aliot, Inés Ayala Sender, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Petri Sarvamaa, Bart Staes, Marco Valli
on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 94 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Present text

Amendment

The provisions governing the procedure for granting discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget shall likewise apply to the procedure for granting discharge to:

The provisions governing the procedure for granting discharge to the Commission in *accordance with Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in* respect of the implementation of the budget, shall likewise apply to the procedure for granting discharge to:

Or. en

Justification

Amendments tabled on behalf of the CONT committee. The proposed change reinstates the original wording of this paragraph clarifying that: (1) discharge is granted on the basis of article 319 of the treaty and (2) the long current practice of preparing individual reports for

the discharged bodies referred to in the fourth indent for the following reasons: 1. In recent years the bodies covered by rule 94 (fourth indent) have been at the centre of the discharge procedure. The proposal to deal with those bodies in a single report would make it more difficult to early identify possible problems and to ensure proper financial management for agencies and joint undertakings (JU) 2. A single report would also diffuse the accountability of each separate body, and would make it more challenging for CONT, and consequently the Parliament, to scrutinise in detail the implementation of the tasks and the budget execution of individual agencies and JU 3. The following also speak in favour of maintaining Rule 94 in its current version, such as a better visibility of Parliament's scrutiny of each agency and other bodies and a stronger public accountability of their financial management, as well as the Council's practice to present individual discharge recommendations on each of them 4. Under Rule 94 (fourth indent) CONT prepares the discharge reports for two different legal entities: EU decentralised agencies and JU. CONT has different "Rapporteurs" and different Political Groups are responsible. It appears therefore that they shouldn't be treated under the same report. CONT also reflects on a thematic regrouping of the discharge reports for EU decentralised agencies in order to have more than one rapporteur for this sector;

Amendment 1010

Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 94 – paragraph 1 – indent 4

Present text

– the bodies responsible for the budgetary management of legally independent entities which carry out Union tasks, insofar as their activities are subject to legal provisions requiring discharge by the European Parliament.

Amendment

– the bodies responsible for the budgetary management of legally independent entities which carry out Union tasks, insofar as their activities are subject to legal provisions requiring discharge by the European Parliament. ***The discharge to such bodies shall be dealt with in separate reports.***

Or. en

Amendment 1011

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 94 – paragraph 1 – indent 4

Present text

– the bodies responsible for the

Amendment

– the bodies responsible for the

budgetary management of legally independent entities which carry out Union tasks, insofar as their activities are subject to legal provisions requiring discharge by the European Parliament;

budgetary management of legally independent entities which carry out Union tasks, insofar as their activities are subject to legal provisions requiring discharge by the European Parliament; ***the grant of discharge to these bodies shall be dealt with in separate reports.***

Or. de

Amendment 1012

Ingeborg Gräßle, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Aliot, Inés Ayala Sender, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Petri Sarvamaa, Bart Staes, Marco Valli
on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 94 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

The discharge to the bodies referred to in the fourth indent of the first paragraph shall be dealt with in a single report per body.

Or. en

Justification

5. EU agencies are set up to perform specific tasks under EU law. The legal basis for each decentralised agency is set by its individual founding regulation. The EU agencies are established upon Commission's proposal by the European Parliament and the Council 6. JU are established on the basis of Article 187 TFEU to realise public-private partnerships at European level in the field of industrial research. Their founding members are typically the Commission, non-profit industry-led associations and some Member States 7. It results from these provisions that Parliament has to examine the implementation of the budget (accounts, financial statements) of each of the agencies and other bodies individually in the light of the individual reports of the Court of Auditors and take an individual and distinct decision on granting, postponing or rejecting the discharge as regards each of them 8. The amendment ("dealt with in a single report which shall contain separate sections") is not clear in this respect. Even if they were assembled in a single report, the discharge decisions for each body constitute legally distinct decisions which have to be separately adopted by Parliament and could not be replaced by a single vote 9. The proposed amendment obstructs the culture of responsibility within the agencies and JU. In the light of general principles of Union law, such as transparency and legal certainty, the existing version of Rule 94 and Parliament's current practice to adopt separate discharge reports on each of the entities referred to in Article 208 of the Financial Regulation appears preferable 10. Preparing only a single report

for 41 bodies (33 EU agencies and 8 JU) would undermine the importance of the tasks performed by those bodies as well as their autonomy, in particular of the regulatory agencies and those with the function of independent information collection.

Amendment 1013

Charles Goerens, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 96 – title

Present text

Estimates of Parliament

Amendment

Estimates of Parliament ***and establishment plan***

Or. en

Amendment 1014

Charles Goerens, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 96 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. The Bureau shall ***draw up*** the preliminary draft estimates on the basis of a report prepared by the Secretary-General.

Amendment

1. The Bureau shall, ***at the latest at its first meeting of February adopt*** the preliminary draft estimates ***and establishment plan*** on the basis of a report ***and the medium and long term planning*** prepared by the Secretary-General. ***The medium- and long-term planning shall establish a clear distinction between investments and operational expenditure.***

Or. en

Amendment 1015

Charles Goerens, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 96 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The President shall forward the preliminary draft estimates to the committee responsible, which shall *draw up* the draft estimates and report to Parliament.

Amendment

2. The President shall *without delay* forward the preliminary draft estimates *as well as the Secretary General's report and the medium- and long-term planning* to the committee responsible *for budgetary issues*, which shall *adopt* the draft estimates and report to Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 1016

Charles Goerens, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 96 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. Parliament shall adopt the estimates.

Amendment

4. Parliament shall adopt the estimates. *Should the Parliament fail to do so, the Bureau shall propose new preliminary draft estimates to the committee responsible on budgetary issues.*

Or. en

Amendment 1017

Charles Goerens, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 97

Present text

Rule 97

Procedure to be applied when drawing up Parliament's estimates

1. As regards Parliament's budget, the Bureau and the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall take decisions

Amendment

deleted

in successive stages on:

- (a) the establishment plan;*
- (b) the preliminary draft and the draft estimates.*

2. The decisions concerning the establishment plan will be taken in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) the Bureau shall draw up the establishment plan for each financial year;*
- (b) a conciliation procedure between the Bureau and the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall be opened in cases where the opinion of the latter diverges from the initial decisions taken by the Bureau;*
- (c) at the end of the procedure, the Bureau shall take the final decision on the estimates for the establishment plan, in accordance with Rule 222(3), without prejudice to decisions taken pursuant to Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.*

3. As regards the estimates proper, the procedure for drawing up the estimates will begin as soon as the Bureau has taken a final decision on the establishment plan. The stages of that procedure will be those laid down in Rule 96. A conciliation procedure shall be opened in cases where the positions of the committee responsible for budgetary issues and of the Bureau are widely divergent.

Or. en

Amendment 1018
Julie Girling, Christofer Fjellner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 105 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. In the interest of consistency and democracy, the committees shall develop harmonised procedures for dealing with objections to delegated acts and for attendance at expert meetings relating to the preparation of delegated acts.

Or. en

Justification

It is currently counter-intuitive and undemocratic that committees have differing procedures on dealing with delegated acts and or attendance at expert meetings relating to the preparation of delegated acts. Members and political groups should be subject to the same rules irrespective of committee to ensure that an individual Member or group's level of influence is not stronger in one committee than another.

Amendment 1019
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 105 – paragraph 4

Present text

Amendment

4. If, 10 working days prior to the start of the part-session the Wednesday of which falls before and closest to the day of expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 5, the committee responsible has not tabled a motion for a resolution, a political group or at least **40** Members may table a motion for a resolution on the matter for inclusion on the agenda for the part-session referred to above.

4. If, 10 working days prior to the start of the part-session the Wednesday of which falls before and closest to the day of expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 5, the committee responsible has not tabled a motion for a resolution, a political group or at least **25** Members may table a motion for a resolution on the matter for inclusion on the agenda for the part-session referred to above.

Or. pt

Amendment 1020
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 105 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. If, 10 working days prior to the start of the part-session the Wednesday of which falls before and closest to the day of expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 5, the committee responsible has not tabled a motion for a resolution, a political group or **at least 40** Members may table a motion for a resolution on the matter for inclusion on the agenda for the part-session referred to above.

Amendment

4. If, 10 working days prior to the start of the part-session the Wednesday of which falls before and closest to the day of expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 5, the committee responsible has not tabled a motion for a resolution, a political group or **one-twentieth of Parliament's component** Members may table a motion for a resolution on the matter for inclusion on the agenda for the part-session referred to above.

Or. de

Amendment 1021
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 105 – paragraph 6 – indent 3

Present text

– if, within 24 hours following the announcement in plenary, a political group or at least **40** Members object to the recommendation, it shall be put to the vote;

Amendment

– if, within 24 hours following the announcement in plenary, a political group or at least **25** Members object to the recommendation, it shall be put to the vote;

Or. pt

Amendment 1022
Julie Girling, Christofer Fjellner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 106 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The committee responsible may table a *reasoned* motion for a resolution stating *that a draft implementing act or*

Amendment

2. ***In the case of implementing measures falling under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for by***

measure goes beyond the implementing powers provided for in the basic *legislative act* or is not *consistent with Union law in other respects*.

Council Decision 1999/468/EC laying down procedures for the exercise of the implementing powers conferred on the Commission, the committee responsible may, *in accordance with Article 5a (3)(b) and (4)(e) of that Decision*, table a motion for resolution stating *that the draft measures proposed by the Commission exceed the implementing powers provided for in the basic instrument or that the draft is not compatible with the aim or content of the basic instrument or does not respect the principles of subsidiarity or proportionality. In case of implementing acts falling under Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers, where the corresponding basic act was adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure, the committee responsible may, in accordance with Article 11 of that Regulation, table a reasoned motion for a resolution stating that a draft implementing act exceeds the implementing powers provided for in the basic act.*

Or. en

Justification

The 1999 Comitology Decision and the 2011 Comitology Regulation lay down the respective conditions under which the Parliament may issue an objection - these should be applied to the motion for resolution.

Amendment 1023

Julie Girling, Christofer Fjellner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 106 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. Where a draft motion for

resolution referred to in paragraph 2 is justified on grounds other than those provided for in that paragraph, the coordinators of the committee responsible may dismiss the objection.

Or. en

Justification

The 1999 Comitology Decision and the 2011 Comitology Regulation lay down the respective conditions under which the Parliament may issue an objection. Where a member or group of members objects on grounds other than those provided for in these acts, the Parliament has no formal right of objection, so said objection should be dismissed.

Amendment 1024

Julie Girling, Christofer Fjellner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 106 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. In the interest of consistency and democracy, the committees shall develop harmonised procedures for dealing with objections to implementing acts and measures.

Or. en

Justification

It is currently counter-intuitive and undemocratic that different committees have different procedures for dealing with objections to implementing acts. It should not be the case that one member's objection in one committee automatically leads to a motion for resolution being tabled and voted, whereas in another committee one member's objection may be dismissed and no motion for resolution is tabled.

Amendment 1025

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 108 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Parliament may, on a proposal from the committee responsible, a political group or at least **40** Members, ask the Council not to authorise the opening of negotiations until Parliament has stated its position on the proposed negotiating mandate on the basis of a report from the committee responsible.

Amendment

2. Parliament may, on a proposal from the committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members, ask the Council not to authorise the opening of negotiations until Parliament has stated its position on the proposed negotiating mandate on the basis of a report from the committee responsible.

Or. pt

Amendment 1026

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 108 – paragraph 8

Present text

8. If the opinion adopted by Parliament is unfavourable, the President shall ask the Council not to conclude the agreement in question.

Amendment

8. ***Where Parliament is requested to give its opinion on the conclusion, renewal or amendment of an international agreement, no amendments to the text of the agreement shall be admissible. Without prejudice to Rule 170(1), amendments to the draft Council decision shall be admissible.***

If the opinion adopted by Parliament is unfavourable, the President shall ask the Council not to conclude, ***renew or amend*** the agreement in question.

Or. de

Amendment 1027

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 108 – paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. The Chairs and rapporteurs of the committee responsible and of any associated committees shall jointly check that, in accordance with Article 218(10) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy provide Parliament with immediate, regular and full information, if necessary on a confidential basis, at all stages of the preparation for the negotiation, the negotiation and the conclusion of international agreements, including information on the draft and the finally adopted text of negotiating directives, as well as information relating to the implementation of those agreements.

Or. de

Amendment 1028
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 113 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. Recommendations drawn up in this way shall be included on the agenda for the next part-session. In urgent cases decided upon by the President, recommendations may be included on the agenda for a current part-session. Recommendations shall be deemed adopted unless, before the beginning of the part-session, at least **40** Members submit a written objection, in which case the committee's recommendations shall be included on the agenda of the same part-session for debate and voting. A political group or at least **40**

Amendment

4. Recommendations drawn up in this way shall be included on the agenda for the next part-session. In urgent cases decided upon by the President, recommendations may be included on the agenda for a current part-session. Recommendations shall be deemed adopted unless, before the beginning of the part-session, at least **25** Members submit a written objection, in which case the committee's recommendations shall be included on the agenda of the same part-session for debate and voting. A political group or at least **25**

Members may table amendments.

Members may table amendments.

Or. pt

Amendment 1029

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 115 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. Committees shall normally meet in public. They may, *however*, decide, at the latest when the agenda for a meeting is adopted, to divide that agenda into items open to the public and items closed to the public. *However*, if a meeting is held in camera, the committee *may*, subject to Article 4(1) to (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council, open documents and minutes from the meeting to public access. Rule 166 shall apply in the event of any breach of the rules governing confidentiality.

Amendment

3. Committees shall normally meet in public. They may decide, *by roll call vote of the committee*, at the latest when the agenda for a meeting is adopted, to divide that agenda into items open to the public and items closed to the public. If a meeting is held in camera, the committee *shall*, subject to Article 4(1) to (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council, open documents and minutes from the meeting to public access. Rule 166 shall apply in the event of any breach of the rules governing confidentiality.

Or. en

Amendment 1030

Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy, Lynn Boylan, Liadh Ní Riada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 115 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Members shall only meet interest representatives (lobbyists) who have registered in the Transparency Register, with the exception of local citizens from their constituencies.

Or. en

Justification

Amendment suggested by the Corporate Europe Observatory and ALTER-EU

Amendment 1031

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 116 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

For the purposes of access to documents, the term 'Parliament documents' means any content within the meaning of Article 3(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 which has been drawn up or received by officers of Parliament within the meaning of Title I, Chapter 2, of these Rules, by Parliament's governing bodies, committees or interparliamentary delegations, or by Parliament's Secretariat.

Amendment

For the purposes of access to documents, the term 'Parliament documents' means any content within the meaning of Article 3(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 which has been drawn up or received by officers of Parliament within the meaning of Title I, Chapter 2, of these Rules, by Parliament's governing bodies, committees or interparliamentary delegations, or by Parliament's Secretariat, ***including during the trilogue meetings.***

Or. en

Justification

This is a recommendation included in the Ferrara report adopted by Parliament on 28th April 2016

Amendment 1032

Kaja Kallas, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Pavel Telička, Antanas Guoga, Morten Løkkegaard, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Yana Toom, Sylvie Goulard, Marietje Schaake, Paavo Väyrynen

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 116 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Parliament shall establish a register of Parliament documents. Legislative documents and certain other categories of documents shall, in accordance with

Amendment

Parliament shall establish a register of Parliament documents. Legislative documents and certain other categories of documents shall, in accordance with

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, be made directly accessible through the register. References to other Parliament documents shall as far as possible be included in the register.

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, be made directly accessible through the register, ***in an open and accessible format to allow for the reuse of content.*** References to other Parliament documents shall as far as possible be included in the register.

Or. en

Amendment 1033

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 116 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Parliament shall establish a register of Parliament documents. Legislative documents and certain other categories of documents shall, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, be made directly accessible through the register. References to other Parliament documents shall as far as possible be included in the register.

Amendment

Parliament shall establish a register of Parliament documents. Legislative documents, ***including those from trilogue meetings,*** and certain other categories of documents shall, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, be made directly accessible through the register. References to other Parliament documents shall as far as possible be included in the register.

Or. en

Justification

This is a recommendation included in the Ferrara report adopted by Parliament on 28th April 2016

Amendment 1034

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 116 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

6a. In accordance with Article 17(1) of

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the Bureau shall publish annually a report stating the number of cases in which access to documents was not granted together with the reasons for such refusals, and the number of so-called sensitive documents that were not recorded in the register.

Or. de

Amendment 1035
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 116 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

7a. Members are invited to publish details of their meetings with individuals and organisations falling within the remit of the Transparency Register. The Bureau shall take the necessary measures to enable this information to be published on Parliament's website.

Or. en

Amendment 1036
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 116 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 116a

Access to Parliament

1. Access badges for Members, Members' assistants and third persons shall be issued on the basis of the rules laid down by the Bureau. Those rules shall also govern the use and withdrawal of access badges.

2. Entities listed in the transparency register, provided for in the Agreement between the European Parliament and the European Commission on the transparency register for organisations and self-employed individuals engaged in EU policy-making and policy implementation^{1a}, and their representatives who have been issued with long-term access badges to the European Parliament must respect:

- the Code of Conduct for Registrants annexed to the agreement;**
- the procedures and other obligations laid down by the agreement; and**
- the provisions implementing this Rule.**

Without prejudice to the applicability of the general rules governing the withdrawal or temporary de-activation of long-term access badges, and unless there are significant arguments to the contrary, the Secretary-General shall, with the authorisation of the Quaestors, withdraw or de-activate a long-term access badge where its holder has been disbarred from the transparency register for a breach of the Code of Conduct for Registrants, or has been guilty of a serious breach of the obligations laid down in this paragraph.

3. The Quaestors may determine to what extent the code of conduct referred to in paragraph 2 is applicable to persons who, whilst in possession of a long-term access badge, do not fall within the scope of the agreement.

4. The Bureau, acting on a proposal from the Secretary-General, shall lay down the measures needed to implement the transparency register, in accordance with the provisions of the agreement on the establishment of that register.

^{1a} OJ L 277, 19.9.2014, p. 11.

Justification

To add a reference to the Transparency Register

Amendment 1037

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 117 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

When the European Council *proposes a* candidate *for President of the Commission*, the *President shall request the candidate* to make a statement and present his or her political guidelines to Parliament. The statement shall be followed by a debate.

Amendment

In agreement with the European Council, *the President shall request the leading candidate who in the elections to the European Parliament has emerged as the strongest contender for the office of President of the Commission* to make a statement and present his or her political guidelines to Parliament. The statement shall be followed by a debate.

Or. de

Amendment 1038

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 117 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The vote shall be taken by *secret ballot*.

Amendment

The vote shall be taken by *roll call*.

Or. en

Amendment 1039

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 117 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The vote shall be taken by *secret ballot*.

Amendment

The vote shall be taken by *roll-call*.

Or. en

Amendment 1040

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 118 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Present text

In order to wind up the debate, any political group or at least **40** Members may table a motion for a resolution. Rule 123(3), (4) and (5) shall apply.

Amendment

In order to wind up the debate, any political group or at least **25** Members may table a motion for a resolution. Rule 123(3), (4) and (5) shall apply.

Or. pt

Amendment 1041

Pascal Durand, Max Andersson, Mady Delvaux, Jean-Marie Cavada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 118 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

7a. In the event of a change in the financial interests of a Commissioner during her/his term of office, this situation shall be subject to scrutiny by Parliament in accordance with Article 1(3) to (6) of Annex XVI.

If a conflict of interests is identified during a Commissioner's term of office and the Commission fails to implement Parliament's recommendations for resolving that conflict of interests, Parliament may ask the President of the Commission to withdraw confidence in the Commissioner in question, pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Framework

agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 1042
Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 118 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 118a

Multiannual programming

Upon the appointment of a new Commission, the Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall, pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, exchange views and agree on joint conclusions on multiannual programming.

To that effect, and before negotiating with the Council and the Commission on the joint conclusions on multiannual programming, the President shall hold an exchange of views with the Conference of Presidents regarding the principal policy objectives and priorities for the new legislative term. That exchange of views shall take into consideration, inter alia, the priorities presented by the President-elect of the Commission, as well as the replies given by Commissioners-designate during the hearings provided for in Rule 118.

Before signing the joint conclusions, the President shall seek the approval of the Conference of Presidents. If one of more political groups representing at least one-tenth of the component members of Parliament object to the draft joint declaration, it shall be put to the vote at

the next part-session.

Or. en

Amendment 1043

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 118 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 118a

Multiannual programming

Upon the appointment of a new Commission, the Parliament, the Council and the Commission will, pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, exchange views on possible joint conclusions on multiannual programming.

To that effect, and before exchanging views with the Council and the Commission on joint conclusions on multiannual programming, the President shall hold an exchange of views with the Conference of Presidents regarding the principal policy objectives and priorities for the new legislative term. Sufficient prior notice shall be given to the political groups for them to form their opinions. This exchange of views will take into consideration, inter alia, the priorities presented by the President-elect of the Commission, as well as the replies given by Commissioners-designate during the hearings provided for in Rule 118.

Before signing the joint conclusions, the President shall seek the approval of Parliament.

Or. de

Amendment 1044
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 119 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A motion of censure on the Commission may be submitted to the President by one tenth of the component Members of Parliament.

Amendment

1. A motion of censure on the Commission may be submitted to the President by one tenth of the component Members of Parliament *or by a political group*.

Or. de

Amendment 1045
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 121 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. The vote in plenary shall take place within two months of receipt of the nomination unless Parliament, at the request of the committee responsible, a political group or at least **40** Members, decides otherwise. Parliament shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot and shall take its decision by a majority of the votes cast.

Amendment

3. The vote in plenary shall take place within two months of receipt of the nomination unless Parliament, at the request of the committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members, decides otherwise. Parliament shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot and shall take its decision by a majority of the votes cast.

Or. pt

Amendment 1046
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 122 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. The vote shall take place within

Amendment

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two months of receipt of the nomination unless Parliament, at the request of the committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members, decides otherwise.

Or. pt

Amendment 1047
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 123 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. When placing a statement with debate on its agenda, Parliament shall decide whether or not to wind up the debate with a resolution. It shall not do so if a report on the same matter is scheduled for the same or the next part-session, unless the President, for exceptional reasons, proposes otherwise. If Parliament decides to wind up a debate with a resolution, a committee, a political group or at least **40** Members may table a motion for a resolution.

Amendment

2. When placing a statement with debate on its agenda, Parliament shall decide whether or not to wind up the debate with a resolution. It shall not do so if a report on the same matter is scheduled for the same or the next part-session, unless the President, for exceptional reasons, proposes otherwise. If Parliament decides to wind up a debate with a resolution, a committee, a political group or at least **25** Members may table a motion for a resolution.

Or. pt

Amendment 1048
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 126 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 126a

Statements by the European Investment Bank

1. The President of the European Investment Bank shall present to Parliament the Bank's annual report on

its activities and on the investment policy pursued in both the previous and the current year.

2. That presentation shall be followed by a general debate.

3. The President of the European Investment Bank shall be invited to attend meetings of the committee responsible at least twice a year in order to make a statement and to answer questions.

4. If they or Parliament so request, the President, Vice-President and other members of the Management Committee of the European Investment Bank shall be invited to attend additional meetings.

5. A verbatim report of the proceedings under paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be drawn up in the official languages.

Or. es

Amendment 1049

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 128 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Questions may be put to the Council or the Commission by a committee, a political group or at least **40** Members with a request that they be placed on the agenda of Parliament.

Amendment

Questions may be put to the Council or the Commission by a committee, a political group or at least **25** Members with a request that they be placed on the agenda of Parliament.

Or. pt

Amendment 1050

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 128 – paragraph 4

Present text

One of the questioners *may move the question for five minutes. One member of the institution concerned* shall answer.

Amendment

One of the questioners *shall be given sufficient speaking time to move the question.* The *addressee* shall answer *the question.*

Or. de

Amendment 1051

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 129 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. Question Time with the Commission *shall* be held at each part-session for a duration of 90 minutes on one or more specific horizontal themes to be decided upon by the Conference of Presidents one month in advance of the part-session.

Amendment

1. Question Time with the Commission *may* be held at each part-session for a duration of *up to* 90 minutes on one or more specific horizontal themes to be decided upon by the Conference of Presidents, *on the initiative of a political group*, one month in advance of the part-session.

Or. de

Amendment 1052

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 129 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

4a. *Question time shall not be specifically allocated in advance. The President shall ensure that Members from different political groups are given the opportunity to put a question in turn.*

Or. de

Amendment 1053

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

1a. If a question has not been answered sufficiently fully, the author of the question may submit a supplementary question. The subject of the supplementary question may not deviate substantially from the original question.

Or. de

Amendment 1054

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

2a. A list of inadmissible questions that are clearly baseless or misleading shall be published every month on Parliament website, together with a short explanation.

Or. en

Amendment 1055

João Ferreira

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

Present text

Amendment

Questions shall be submitted in electronic format. Each Member *may* submit *a*

Questions shall be submitted in electronic format. Each Member *shall have the right*

maximum of five questions per month.

to submit, at any time, whatever questions the Member deems to be relevant.

Or. pt

Amendment 1056

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Questions shall be submitted in electronic format. Each Member may submit a maximum of *five* questions *per month*.

Amendment

Questions shall be submitted in electronic format. Each Member may submit a maximum of *twenty* questions *over a period of three months*.

Or. en

Amendment 1057

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Questions shall be submitted in electronic format. Each Member may submit a maximum of *five* questions per month.

Amendment

Questions shall be submitted in electronic format. Each Member may submit a maximum of *ten* questions per month.

Or. en

Amendment 1058

Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Where a question has not been answered

adequately, the author may submit a follow-up question. The scope of the follow-up question shall not deviate in substance from the original question. This subparagraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to questions submitted under Rule 131.

Or. en

Amendment 1059
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Amendment

By way of exception, additional questions may be submitted in the form of a paper document tabled and signed personally by the Member concerned in the relevant service of the Secretariat.

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Or. pt

Amendment 1060
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Amendment

By way of exception, additional questions may be submitted in the form of a paper document tabled and signed personally by the Member concerned in the relevant service of the Secretariat.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 1061
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3

Present text

Amendment

After a period expiring one year from the beginning of the eighth parliamentary term, the Conference of Presidents shall carry out an assessment of the regime in respect of additional questions.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 1062
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – interpretation

Present text

Amendment

The expression "by way of exception" is to be interpreted as meaning that the additional question concerns a matter of urgency and that the submission of that question cannot wait until the following month. Furthermore, the number of questions tabled under the second subparagraph of paragraph 3 must be smaller than the norm of five questions per month.

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 1063
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraph 3 – interpretation

Present text

The expression "by way of exception" is to be interpreted as meaning that the additional question concerns a matter of urgency and that the submission of that question cannot wait until the following month. Furthermore, the number of questions tabled under the second subparagraph of paragraph 3 must be smaller than the norm of five questions per month.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 1064

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Questions which require an immediate answer but not detailed research (priority questions) shall be answered within three weeks of being forwarded to the addressees. Each Member may table *one* priority *question* each month.

Amendment

Questions which require an immediate answer but not detailed research (priority questions) shall be answered within three weeks of being forwarded to the addressees. Each Member may table *five* priority *questions* each month.

Or. pt

Amendment 1065

Ingeborg Gräßle

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 – paragraph 6

Present text

6. Questions and answers shall be published on Parliament's website

Amendment

6. Questions and answers *including any related annexes* shall be published on Parliament's website.

Amendment 1066

Daniel Caspary

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 130a

Minor interpellations for written answer

1. In minor interpellations for written answer, the Council, the Commission or the Vice-President of the Commission/High-Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy may be asked to furnish information on specifically designated issues.

Such questions may be submitted by a committee, a political group or at least five percent of the component Members of Parliament to the President who, provided that the questions are in accordance with the Rules of Procedure in general and the criteria laid down in Annex III, shall ask the addressee to reply within two weeks; the President may extend this time limit in consultation with the questioners.

2. Questions and answers shall be published on Parliament's website.

Or. en

Amendment 1067

Daniel Caspary

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 130 b (new)

Rule 130b

Major interpellations for written answer with debate

1. Major interpellations for written answer with debate may be put to the Council, the Commission or the Vice-President of the Commission/High-Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy by a committee, a political group or at least five percent of Members of the European Parliament. Questions may include a brief explanatory memorandum.

Such questions may be submitted in writing to the President who, provided that the questions are in accordance with the rules of Procedure in general and the criteria laid down in Annex III, shall immediately inform the addressee of the major interpellation and ask him to state if and when they will answer.

2. On receipt of the written answer, the major interpellation shall be placed on the draft agenda of Parliament in accordance with the procedure provided for in Rule 149. A debate must be held if a committee, a political group or at least five percent of the component Members of Parliament so request.

3. If the addressee refuses to answer the question or fails to do so within the next three weeks, the question shall be placed on the draft agenda. A debate must be held if a committee, a political group or at least five percent of the component Members of Parliament so request. Prior to the debate one of the requesters may be given leave to state supplementary reasons for the request.

4. One of the requesters may move the question. One member of the institution to which the question was addressed shall answer.

Rule 123(2) to (5) concerning the tabling and voting for resolutions shall apply mutatis mutandis.

5. Questions and answers shall be published on Parliament's website.

Or. en

Amendment 1068
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 131 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

1a. If a question has not been answered sufficiently fully, the author of the question may submit a supplementary question. The subject of the supplementary question may not deviate substantially from the original question.

Or. de

Amendment 1069
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 134 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. A political group or at least **40** Members may table a proposal for a recommendation to the Council on subjects under Title V of the Treaty on European Union, or in cases where Parliament has not been consulted on an international agreement falling within the scope of Rules 108 or 109.

1. A political group or at least **25** Members may table a proposal for a recommendation to the Council on subjects under Title V of the Treaty on European Union, or in cases where Parliament has not been consulted on an international agreement falling within the scope of Rules 108 or 109.

Or. pt

Amendment 1070

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 134 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A political group or **at least 40** Members may table a proposal for a recommendation to the Council on subjects under Title V of the Treaty on European Union, or in cases where Parliament has not been consulted on an international agreement falling within the scope of Rules 108 or 109.

Amendment

1. A political group or **one-twentieth of Parliament's component** Members may table a proposal for a recommendation to the Council on subjects under Title V of the Treaty on European Union, or in cases where Parliament has not been consulted on an international agreement falling within the scope of Rules 108 or 109.

Or. de

Amendment 1071

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 135 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A committee, an interparliamentary delegation, a political group or at least **40** Members may ask the President in writing for a debate to be held on an urgent case of a breach of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 149(3)).

Amendment

1. A committee, an interparliamentary delegation, a political group or at least **25** Members may ask the President in writing for a debate to be held on an urgent case of a breach of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 149(3)).

Or. pt

Amendment 1072

Christofer Fjellner, Daniel Caspary, Jan Philipp Albrecht, Marietje Schaake, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Henna Virkkunen, András Gyürk, Ingeborg Gräßle, Roberts Zile, Claudia Schmidt, Paulo Rangel, Daniel Hannan, Joachim Starbatty, Ulrike Lunacek, Julie Girling, Frank Engel, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Cristian Dan Preda, Gunnar Hökmark, Lars Adaktusson, Fredrick Federley, Markus Pieper, Sabine Verheyen, Herbert Reul, Petri Sarvamaa, Ashley Fox, Renate Weber, Bendt Bendtsen, Cecilia Wikström, Bernd Kölmel, Hermann Winkler, Alberto Cirio, Othmar Karas, Vicky Ford, Morten Løkkegaard, Kaja Kallas, David McAllister, Pavel Telička, Petr Ježek,

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 136

Present text

Amendment

Rule 136

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Written declarations

1. At least 10 Members from at least three political groups may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words relating exclusively to a matter falling within the competence of the European Union. The contents of such a declaration may not go beyond the form of a declaration. In particular, it may not call for any legislative action, contain any decision on matters for which specific procedures and competences are laid down in these Rules of Procedure or deal with the subject of ongoing proceedings in Parliament.

2. The authorisation to proceed further shall be subject to a reasoned decision by the President pursuant to paragraph 1 in any given case. 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. Hard copies of written declarations with signatures will be also kept by the President.

3. The signature of any Member may be added to a declaration entered in the electronic register. It may be withdrawn at any time before the end of a period of three months from the entry of the declaration in the register. In the event of such a withdrawal the Member concerned shall not be permitted to add his or her signature again to the declaration.

4. *Where, at the end of a period of three months from its being entered in the register, a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly. Without binding Parliament, the declaration shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories.*

5. *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.*

6. *Where the institutions to which the adopted declaration 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.*

7. *A written declaration that has remained in the register for over three months and is not signed by at least one half of the component Members of Parliament shall lapse, without any possibility of that three-month period being extended.*

Or. en

Amendment 1073

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 136

Present text

Amendment

Rule 136

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7. *A written declaration that has remained in the register for over three months and is not signed by at least one half of the component Members of Parliament shall lapse, without any possibility of that three-month period being extended.*

Or. en

Amendment 1074
Beatrix von Storch

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 136

Present text

Amendment

Rule 136

deleted

Written declarations

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5. 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.

6. Where the institutions to which the adopted declaration 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.

7. A written declaration that has remained in the register for over three months and is not signed by at least one half of the component Members of

Parliament shall lapse, without any possibility of that three-month period being extended.

Or. de

Amendment 1075
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 136

Present text

Amendment

Rule 136

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Written declarations

1. At least 10 Members from at least three political groups may submit a written declaration of not more than 200 words relating exclusively to a matter falling within the competence of the European Union. The contents of such a declaration may not go beyond the form of a declaration. In particular, it may not call for any legislative action, contain any decision on matters for which specific procedures and competences are laid down in these Rules of Procedure or deal with the subject of ongoing proceedings in Parliament.

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4. Where, at the end of a period of three months from its being entered in the register, a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, the President shall notify Parliament accordingly. Without binding Parliament, the declaration shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories.

5. 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.

6. Where the institutions to which the adopted declaration 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.

7. A written declaration that has remained in the register for over three months and is not signed by at least one half of the component Members of Parliament shall lapse, without any possibility of that three-month period being extended.

Or. de

Amendment 1076

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 136 – paragraph 2**

Present text

2. The authorisation to proceed further shall be subject to a reasoned decision by the President pursuant to paragraph 1 in any given case. 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. ***Hard copies of written declarations with signatures will be also kept by the President.***

Amendment

2. The authorisation to proceed further shall be subject to a reasoned decision by the President pursuant to paragraph 1 in any given case. 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. en

Amendment 1077

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, Angel Dzhambazki, António Marinho e Pinto, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Tadeusz Zwiefka

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 141 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

4a. In urgent cases, the President, where possible after consulting the Chair and rapporteur of the committee responsible for legal affairs, may take precautionary action in order to comply with the relevant time-limits. In such cases, the procedure provided for in paragraphs 3 or 4 shall, as applicable, be implemented at the earliest opportunity.

Or. en

Amendment 1078

Pavel Svoboda, Max Andersson, Joëlle Bergeron, Jean-Marie Cavada, Kostas Chrysogonos, Angel Dzhambazki, António Marinho e Pinto, Kazimierz Michał

Ujazdowski, Tadeusz Zwiefka

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 141 – paragraph 4 b (new)**

Present text

Amendment

4b. The committee responsible for legal affairs shall lay down principles for the application of this Rule.

Or. en