

RULES OF PROCEDURE

of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC)

- approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 4 July 2016;
- approved by the Presidency of the Assembly of Kosovo on 10 August 2016.

Rule 1

The EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee is established on the basis of the European Parliament's Conference of Presidents decision of 4 May 2016 and of the Presidency of the Assembly of Kosovo decision of 18 March 2016, and on the basis of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Agreement (notably, art. 132).

Rule 2

The task of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the EU and Kosovo and, in particular, the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Rule 3

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, recommendations may be made to the European Parliament, to the Assembly and Government of Kosovo, to the Council of the European Union and to the European Commission.

Recommendations shall be considered adopted if they receive the support of a majority of the members of the delegation of the European Parliament and of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo present at the meeting.

Rule 4

The EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall be composed of an equal number of members appointed by the European Parliament and by the Assembly of Kosovo.

The term of office of the members of the delegations shall be decided in accordance with the rules, practices and decisions of competent bodies of the European Parliament and of the Assembly of Kosovo.

Rule 5

The Bureau of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chairperson of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo and Vice-Chairpersons from both delegations.

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

Rule 6

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

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

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee decides otherwise.

Rule 7

Members of the Stabilisation and Association Council, established under art. 126 and following of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the Council of the European Union, members of the Kosovo government, members of the European Commission and any other person may, by decision of the Bureau, attend and speak at the meetings of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee.

Rule 8

The Secretariat of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall be provided by the secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with officials designated by the Assembly of Kosovo.

Minutes shall be drawn up for each session of the EU-Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee for approval at the opening of the following meeting.

Rule 9

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

Rule 10

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

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

Rule 11

The Co-Chairpersons or, at their request, the Bureau shall rule on all issues relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Rules of Procedure.

Changes to these rules, proposed by the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureau of the European Parliament and to the competent bodies of the Assembly of Kosovo.

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