

RULES OF PROCEDURE
of the
EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

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1. Article 1

The EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is established pursuant to Articles 80 and 81 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement concluded between the EU and Kyrgyzstan, signed on 9 February 1995.

2. Article 2

The task of the EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is to examine all aspects of relations between the EU and Kyrgyzstan and, in particular, to monitor the implementation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

3. Article 3

The EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be composed of a fixed number of members appointed by the European Parliament and the Kyrgyz Parliament.

The term of office of the members shall be determined in accordance with the respective rules and practices of the European Parliament and the Kyrgyz Parliament.

4. Article 4

The Bureau of the EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be composed of the chairman of the European Parliament delegation, the chairman of the delegation from the Kyrgyz Parliament (hereafter referred to as the co-chairmen) and two vice-chairmen from each delegation.

The committee shall be chaired alternately by the chairman of the European Parliament delegation and the chairman of the delegation from the Kyrgyz Parliament. The chairman-in-office shall be replaced, where necessary, by the first or second vice-chairman of his delegation.

5. Article 5

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, recommendations may be addressed to the Cooperation Council, the competent committee of the European Parliament and the Kyrgyz Parliament or its competent committees.

The recommendations shall be deemed to have been adopted if they secure the support of a majority of the members of the European Parliament delegation and of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Parliament.

6. Article 6

The EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall normally meet once a year, alternately in one of the European Parliament's places of work and in Kyrgyzstan.

The draft agenda, drawn up by the co-chairmen, shall be sent to members two weeks before the meeting.

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee decides otherwise.

7. Article 7

The members of the Cooperation Council, the Council of the European Union and the members of the Commission may attend meetings and speak. Other persons may be invited to attend meetings by the co-chairmen.

8. Article 8

The secretariat of the EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be provided jointly by the Secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with staff appointed by the Kyrgyz Parliament.

Minutes of each meeting of the EU-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be submitted for approval at the start of the following meeting.

9. Article 9

During meetings of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee members may speak in one of the official languages of the European Union or in an official language of Kyrgyzstan. Translation and interpretation services shall be provided on the basis of the decisions of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, in accordance with the European Parliament's internal rules.

10. Article 10

The travel expenses and allowances of members of the committee and their assistants shall be borne by the Parliament which has appointed them.

Other costs arising from the meetings and activities of the committee shall be shared between the European Parliament and the Kyrgyz Parliament.

11. Article 11

Modifications to these rules of procedure, proposed by the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureau of the European Parliament and the equivalent body of the Parliament of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan.