

RULES OF PROCEDURE

of the

EU – Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

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Rule 1

The EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is established on the basis of Article 86 of the Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and Azerbaijan ratified by the European Parliament on 13 March 1997 and by Azerbaijan on 13 November 1996 and entered into force on 1 July 1999.

Rule 2

The task of the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan and, in particular, the implementation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

Rule 3

The EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be composed of an agreed number of members appointed by the European Parliament and by the Milli Mejlis.

The term of office of the members shall be decided in accordance with the rules and practice, respectively, of the European Parliament and the Milli Mejlis.

Rule 4

The Bureau of the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chairman of the delegation of the Milli Mejlis, (hereafter referred to as the Co-Chairmen) and two Vice-Chairmen of each delegation.

The Committee shall be presided in turn by the Chairman of the European Parliament delegation and the Chairman of the delegation of the Milli Mejlis. The Chairman-in-office shall, where necessary, be replaced by the first or second Vice-Chairman of his or her delegation.

Rule 5

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, recommendations may be made to the Cooperation Council, the European Parliament's responsible committee and to the Milli Mejlis or its responsible committees.

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 Milli Mejlis.

Rule 6

The EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall normally meet once per year, alternately in one of the workplaces of the European Parliament and in Azerbaijan.

The draft agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Co-Chairpersons, shall normally be sent to Members two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting.

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

Rule 7

Members of the Cooperation Council, the Council of the European Union, and members of the European Commission, may attend and speak at meetings. Other persons may be invited to attend meetings by the Co-Chairmen.

Rule 8

The Secretariat of the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be provided jointly by the secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with officials designated by the Milli Mejlis.

Minutes shall be drawn up of each session of the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee for approval at the opening of the following meeting.

Rule 9

Members may address meetings of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee in an official language of the European Union or in any official language of Azerbaijan. Translation and interpretation will be provided on the basis of decisions of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation 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 Milli Mejlis.

Rule 11

Changes to these rules, proposed by the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureaux of the European Parliament and the equivalent organ of the Milli Mejlis.