

RULES OF PROCEDURE

of the Algeria-European Union Joint Parliamentary Committee

The Algeria-European Union Joint Parliamentary Committee (hereinafter ‘the Committee’)

- whereas in recent years a close relationship has developed between the Algerian Parliament and the European Parliament, in particular through institutionalised interparliamentary dialogue as part of the work of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union and of the proceedings of the Parliamentary Assembly – Union for the Mediterranean (PA – UfM),
- having regard to the Association Agreement concluded between Algeria, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, which entered into force in September 2005 and which was the subject of a joint assessment in 2016 and of a series of recommendations concerning ways of improving its implementation,
- having regard to the Partnership Priorities adopted at the meeting of the EU-Algeria Association Council of 13 March 2017, which establish a new framework for political cooperation and make provision for closer cooperation in the following areas: (i) political dialogue, governance, the rule of law and the promotion of fundamental rights; (ii) cooperation, socioeconomic development and trade, including access to the European single market; (iii) energy, the environment and sustainable development; (iv) a strategic and security dialogue; (v) the human dimension, including cultural and inter-religious dialogue, migration and mobility,
- having regard to the Joint Declaration issued at the 11th session of the EU-Algeria Association Council, held on 14 May 2018, which emphasises that the European Union and Algeria are linked by a long-standing, deep and diverse partnership, which aims to promote the prosperity, well-being and security of their peoples, and which states that the two parties have renewed their determination to implement their shared Partnership Priorities and their commitment to deepening EU-Algeria relations, with the aim of establishing a common area of stability, democracy and shared prosperity,
- having regard to the report on the state of EU-Algeria relations in the context of the revised ENP (6 April 2018), which reiterates that the European Union is prepared to move towards an even more dynamic partnership with Algeria and to support Algeria in many areas,
- having regard to the decision of 11 January 2018 of the Conference of Presidents, whose members include the chairs of the political groups in the European Parliament,

HAS ADOPTED THESE RULES OF PROCEDURE:

Article 1

The role of the Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the European Union and Algeria, with particular reference to implementation of the Association Agreement, and any subjects of mutual interest.

Article 2

1. The Committee shall comprise 26 members, 13 appointed by the European Parliament and 13 by the Algerian Parliament.
2. The length of Committee members' term of office shall be laid down in accordance with the rules and practices of the European Parliament and the Algerian Parliament.

Article 3

1. The Committee Bureau shall comprise the Chair of the European Parliament Delegation to the Algeria-European Union Joint Parliamentary Committee, the Chair of the Algerian Parliament delegation and a Vice-Chair from each delegation.
2. The Bureau may meet whenever it thinks fit.
3. The Committee shall be chaired in turn by the Chair of the European Parliament delegation and the Chair of the Algerian Parliament delegation.
4. Should the need arise, the First or Second Vice-Chair of a delegation may deputise for the Chair.

Article 4

1. On a proposal from the Committee Bureau, recommendations may be made to the Association Council and the relevant committees of the European Parliament and the Algerian Parliament.
2. Such recommendations shall be deemed to have been adopted if they are supported by a majority of the members of the European Parliament delegation and a majority of the members of the Algerian Parliament delegation.

Article 5

1. The Committee shall meet at least once a year, at a venue alternating between one of the European Parliament's places of work and the Algerian Parliament.
2. The draft agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Co-Chairs, shall be sent to Committee members at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date.

3. Meetings shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Article 6

In addition to members of the Committee, members of the Council of the European Union or of the European Commission and representatives of the Algerian Government may attend, and speak at, meetings held in public. The Chair, in consultation with the Bureau, may invite other persons to attend meetings.

Article 7

1. The Committee secretariat shall be provided by the secretariats of the European Parliament and the Algerian Parliament, each party being responsible for organising Committee meetings held at its parliament.
2. The Committee secretariat shall take the minutes of each meeting, which shall be approved at the start of the following meeting.

Article 8

Translation and interpreting services for Committee meetings shall be provided on the basis of Bureau decisions (and in accordance with the internal rules of the European Parliament).

Article 9

1. The Algerian Parliament and the European Parliament shall separately defray any personnel, travel and subsistence expenses arising from their participation in Committee meetings.
2. Expenditure incurred in the practical organisation of meetings shall be borne by the party hosting the meeting.

Article 10

1. Any amendments to these Rules of Procedure which the Committee may propose shall be submitted for consideration by the Bureau of the European Parliament and by its counterpart in the Algerian Parliament.
2. The Committee shall adopt any amendments and additions to these Rules of Procedure by a majority of the votes cast by the total number of members representing each of the parties.

