



RULES OF PROCEDURE

of the

EU - Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee

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- approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 12 November 2018
- approved by the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of Armenia on 16 October 2018

Rule 1

The EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee is established on the basis of Article 365 of the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed on 24 November 2017, to which the European Parliament gave its consent on 4 July 2018.

Rule 2

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

Rule 3

The EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee shall be composed of an agreed number of members appointed by the European Parliament and by the Armenian Parliament.

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

Rule 4

The Bureau of the EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee shall consist of the Chair of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chair of the delegation of the Armenian Parliament, (hereafter referred to as the Co-Chairs) and two Vice-Chairs of each delegation. The decisions of the Bureau shall be considered adopted if they receive the support of a majority of the votes cast.

The Committee shall be presided in turn by the Chair of the European Parliament delegation and the Chair of the delegation of the Armenian Parliament. The Chair-in-office shall, where necessary, be replaced by the first or second Vice-Chair of the corresponding delegation.

Rule 5

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Parliamentary Partnership Committee, recommendations may be made to the Partnership Council, the European Parliament or its responsible committee and the Armenian Parliament 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 Armenian Parliament.

Rule 6

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

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

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

Rule 7

Members of the Partnership 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-Chairs.

Rule 8

The Secretariat of the EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee shall be provided jointly by the secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with officials designated by the Armenian Parliament.

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

Rule 9

Members may address meetings of the Parliamentary Partnership Committee in any official language of the European Union or in an official language of Armenia. Translation and interpretation will be provided on the basis of decisions made by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Partnership 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 Armenian Parliament.

Rule 11

The Co-Chairs or, at their request, the Bureau shall rule on all questions relating to the interpretation of these rules.

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