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Amendment 15

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Proposal for a decision

Recital A a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Aa. whereas the rule of law is of paramount importance for the functioning of the Union, whereas all acts of the Union require a legal basis in the Treaties, whereas there is no such legal basis for an interinstitutional ethics body;

Or. en

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Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. whereas there is a need to address the shortcomings *stemming from* the current ethics framework, *which is fragmented across the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, with different rules, procedures and levels of enforcement;*

Amendment

B. whereas there is a need to address the shortcomings *of the administration of* the current ethics framework, *since existing rules were not enforced in incidents such as Qatargate; whereas under the current Treaties every EU institution is responsible for its own rules on standards in public office and a harmonisation of some of those rules is desirable;*

Or. en

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Recital C

Proposal for a decision

C. whereas ***Parliament proposed, in its*** resolution of 16 September 2021, and ***reiterated, in*** its subsequent resolutions of 16 February 2023 and 12 July 2023, to ***set*** up an ***ambitious, genuine and independent*** ethics body;

Amendment

C. whereas ***Parliament's negotiation mandate has been determined by*** its resolution of 16 September 2021 and its subsequent resolutions of 16 February 2023 and 12 July 2023, ***whereas that mandate to support the setting up of*** an ethics body ***fully includes the Council and the European Council; whereas the term "ethics" is legally undefined and may lead to a misinterpretation of the role of the body in the future, whereas precedent in Member States establishes more proper terms such as "standards in public office"***;

Or. en

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Recital D

Proposal for a decision

D. whereas the Commission presented its proposal for the establishment of an interinstitutional ethics body on 8 June 2023, putting forward a standard-setting body *mainly lacking capacity to examine individual cases and potential breaches of ethical rules*;

Amendment

D. whereas the Commission presented its proposal for the establishment of an interinstitutional ethics body on 8 June 2023, putting forward a standard-setting body *in line with the Treaties, however retaining the questionable term “ethics body”*;

Or. en

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Recital E

Proposal for a decision

E. whereas Parliament's resolutions of 16 February 2023 and 12 July 2023 on the establishment of an independent EU ethics body served as the Parliament's negotiating mandate;

Amendment

E. whereas Parliament's resolutions of 16 February 2023 and 12 July 2023 on the establishment of an independent EU ethics body served as the Parliament's negotiating mandate; ***whereas the conclusion of the agreement does not reflect that mandate; whereas the committee on constitutional affairs calls on Parliament to consider its position in the light of the draft Agreement;***

Or. en

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Recital F

Proposal for a decision

F. whereas an interinstitutional *ethics* body *will* contribute to strengthening trust in Union institutions and their democratic legitimacy, as well as to building an institutional culture based on *the highest ethical standards*;

Amendment

F. whereas an interinstitutional body *for standards in public office has the potential to* contribute to strengthening trust in Union institutions and their democratic legitimacy, as well as to building an institutional culture based on *clearly defined and enforced rules*;

Or. en

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Recital G

Proposal for a decision

G. whereas Parliament's current ethical rules in its Rules of *procedure* provide for many standardised written declarations including declarations of private interests, declarations of assets, declarations on awareness of conflict of interests for office holders, rapporteurs, shadow-rapporteurs and participants in an official delegation or interinstitutional negotiations, declarations of scheduled meetings with interest representatives, also when delegated to their assistants, declarations of input by the rapporteurs on their files, declarations of attendance at events organised by third parties, declarations of gifts and declarations of intergroups or informal groupings on external financial support;

Amendment

G. whereas Parliament's current ethical rules in its Rules of *Procedure* provide for many standardised written declarations including declarations of private interests, declarations of assets, declarations on awareness of conflict of interests for office holders, rapporteurs, shadow-rapporteurs and participants in an official delegation or interinstitutional negotiations, declarations of scheduled meetings with interest representatives, also when delegated to their assistants, declarations of input by the rapporteurs on their files, declarations of attendance at events organised by third parties, declarations of gifts and declarations of intergroups or informal groupings on external financial support; *whereas the scope of those declarations needs to be streamlined in the next term;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Welcomes* the Agreement *allowing for strong common ethical standards and for individual cases to be examined by the independent experts at the request of an institution or an advisory body that is a party to the Agreement regarding any declaration of their Members;*

Amendment

1. *Rejects* the Agreement, *since it constitutes an attack on the functioning of the Parliament; calls for the defence of parliamentary independence; questions the independence of the third-party experts referred to in the Agreement; expresses grave concern at the potential chilling effects on the rule of law if this agreement is taken as an example at national level;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. Underlines *the fact that the final decision-making power on implementation remains with the relevant authorities of the institutions or bodies; notes that any consultation of the independent experts on an individual case begins with a request of a party to the Agreement as regards its own members;*

Amendment

2. Underlines *that the publication of investigations and suspicions even in cases where no conflict of interests was established is prejudicial;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 4

Proposal for a decision

4. **Regrets** that the **European** Council decided **not** to join the Agreement;

Amendment

4. **Notes** that the Council decided **to** join the Agreement **only in respect of enforcement mechanisms; points out an inter-institutional power imbalance arising from this; calls on Parliament to refuse to sign the Agreement and to resume the negotiations until all institutions fully take part in an interinstitutional agreement.**

Or. en