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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**  
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Amendment of Rule 70 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure on interinstitutional negotiations in legislative procedures  
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**Amendment 10**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – title**

*Present text*

Interinstitutional negotiations in legislative procedures

*Amendment*

Interinstitutional negotiations in **ordinary** legislative procedures

Or. de

**Amendment 11**  
**Andrew Duff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. Negotiations with the other institutions aimed at reaching an agreement in the course of a legislative procedure shall be conducted having regard to the Code of Conduct **for negotiating in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.**

*Amendment*

1. Negotiations with the other institutions aimed at reaching an agreement in the course of a legislative procedure shall be conducted having regard to the Code of Conduct **set out in Annex XXI.**

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. Negotiations with the other institutions aimed at reaching an agreement in the course of **a** legislative procedure shall be conducted having regard to the Code of Conduct for negotiating in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

*Amendment*

1. Negotiations with the other institutions aimed at reaching an agreement in the course of **an ordinary** legislative procedure shall be conducted having regard to the Code of Conduct for negotiating in the context of the ordinary legislative

procedure.

Or. de

**Amendment 13**  
**Marietta Giannakou, Manfred Weber**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. Negotiations with the other institutions aimed at reaching an agreement in the course of a legislative procedure shall be conducted *having regard to* the Code of Conduct for negotiating in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

*Amendment*

1. Negotiations with the other institutions aimed at reaching an agreement in the course of a legislative procedure shall be conducted *in accordance with* the Code of Conduct for negotiating in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Andrew Duff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. *Before entering* into such negotiations, the *committee responsible should, in principle, take a decision* by a majority of its members and *adopt a mandate, orientations or priorities.*

*Amendment*

2. *Where the committee responsible considers it appropriate to enter* into such negotiations *with a view to the adoption of a report at first reading, it shall adopt,* by a majority of its members and *on a case-by-case basis for every legislative procedure concerned, a decision on the opening of negotiations. That decision shall comprise a mandate in the form of a set of amendments and shall also establish a representative negotiating team.*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. ***Before entering into such negotiations***, the committee responsible ***should, in principle***, take a decision by a majority of its members and ***adopt*** a mandate, ***orientations or priorities***.

*Amendment*

2. ***Where*** the committee responsible ***considers it appropriate to enter into such negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading***, it shall take a decision ***on the opening of negotiations*** by a majority of its members and ***separately for each legislative procedure concerned***. ***This decision shall incorporate a mandate and details of the composition of the negotiating team, which shall include committee members from all the political groups***.

***The mandate, as a general rule, shall consist of a set of amendments or, where the committee gives appropriate reasons, a set of clearly defined objectives, priorities or orientations***.

Or. de

**Amendment 16**  
**Gerald Häfner**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. ***Before entering into*** such negotiations, the committee responsible ***should, in principle, take*** a decision ***by a majority of its members*** and ***adopt a*** mandate, ***orientations or priorities***.

*Amendment*

2. Such negotiations ***shall not be entered into prior to the adoption*** by the committee responsible, ***on a case-by-case basis for every legislative procedure concerned, of a decision on the opening of negotiations which shall determine the mandate and the composition of the negotiating team***.

*The mandate shall consist of a report or a set of amendments adopted in committee and additionally, where appropriate, a set of clearly defined objectives or priorities.*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. *Before entering into such* negotiations, the committee responsible *should, in principle, take* a decision *by a majority of its members* and *adopt a* mandate, *orientations* or priorities.

*Amendment*

2. *Such* negotiations *shall not be entered into prior to the adoption by* the committee responsible, *on a case-by-case basis for every legislative procedure concerned, of a decision on the opening of negotiations which shall determine the mandate and the composition of the negotiating team.*

*The mandate shall, as a general rule, consist of a report. Exceptionally, where the committee responsible considers it appropriate to enter into negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading, the mandate shall consist of a set of amendments or, where the committee indicates appropriate reasons, a set of clearly defined objectives, priorities or orientations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Marietta Giannakou, Manfred Weber**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. Before entering into such negotiations,

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the committee responsible ***should, in principle,*** take a decision by a majority of its members and adopt a mandate, orientations ***or priorities.***

the committee responsible ***shall*** take a decision ***on entering into negotiations*** by a majority of its members and adopt a mandate.

***That decision shall include the composition of Parliament's negotiating team.***

***The mandate shall, as a general rule, consist of a report. Exceptionally, where the committee responsible considers it appropriate to enter into negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading, the mandate shall consist of a set of clearly defined objectives, priorities or orientations.***

***The decision of the committee responsible on the opening of negotiations in a legislative procedure shall be translated into all the official languages, transmitted to the President and distributed to all Members of Parliament***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Andrew Duff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. The Conference of Presidents or two political groups may request the inclusion in the agenda of the part-session at which the announcement is to be made a debate and vote on whether to open negotiations with a view to the adoption of a report at first reading on the basis of the mandate proposed by the committee responsible.***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. The decision on the opening of negotiations at first reading referred to in paragraph 2 shall be translated into all the official languages, transmitted to the President and distributed to all Members of Parliament.***

***It shall be announced by the President at the opening of the part-session following its adoption by the committee responsible and shall be deemed to be approved upon announcement, subject to paragraph 2b.***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. The decision on the opening of negotiations at first reading referred to in paragraph 2 shall be translated, forwarded to the President and distributed to all Members of Parliament.***

***It shall be announced by the President at the opening of the part-session following its adoption by the committee responsible and shall be deemed to be approved upon announcement, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2b.***

Or. de



**Amendment 22**  
**Gerald Häfner**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. The negotiating team shall have a representative composition. It shall be chaired by the Chair of the committee responsible or by another member of the team designated by the Chair. The negotiating team shall comprise the rapporteur and, for each political group, the shadow rapporteur or the coordinator.***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. The negotiating team shall have a representative composition. It shall be chaired by the Chair of the committee responsible or by another member of the team designated by the Chair. The negotiating team shall comprise the rapporteur, and the coordinators or shadow rapporteurs as appropriate.***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Marietta Giannakou, Manfred Weber**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. As a general rule, the composition of the negotiating team shall reflect the political balance. It shall be chaired by the Chair of the committee responsible or a Vice-Chair, designated by the Chair. The negotiating team shall comprise the rapporteur and the shadow rapporteurs.***

***The committee secretariat shall be responsible for the practical organisation of the meetings with the Council and the Commission ("trilogues").***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Francesco Enrico Speroni**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2a. The negotiating team in the course of an ordinary legislative procedure shall be led by the Chair of the committee responsible or another member of the team appointed by him or her. The negotiating team shall include the rapporteur and, if appropriate, the coordinators or the shadow rapporteurs.***

***The negotiating team shall hold its meetings on the same days as meetings of the committee responsible, at non-clashing times, in accordance with a calendar adopted in committee.***

***The negotiating team shall regularly report back to the committee responsible on the progress and outcome of the negotiations.***

***After each meeting with the Council and the Commission ('trialogue'), all draft***

*texts considered at the meeting in question shall be made available to the committee. At a subsequent meeting the committee shall be informed about the state of play of the negotiations*

*Where it proves not to be feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the negotiating team shall report back to the Chair, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators of the committee.*

*The committee responsible may update the mandate in the light of the progress of the negotiations.*

Or. it

**Amendment 26**  
**Andrew Duff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*2b. The negotiating team in the course of an ordinary legislative procedure shall be led by the rapporteur and presided over by the Chair or a Vice-Chair of the committee responsible.*

*The negotiating team shall regularly report back to the committee responsible on the progress and outcome of the negotiations.*

*After each meeting with the Council and the Commission ("trilogue"), all drafts considered during that meeting shall be made available to the committee. At its subsequent meeting the committee shall be informed about the state of play in the negotiations.*

*Where it proves not to be feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the rapporteur shall report*

*back to the coordinators of the committee.*

*The committee responsible may update the mandate in the light of the progress of the negotiations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*2b. A political group or 40 Members may request, or the Conference of Presidents may decide, to include on the agenda of the part-session at which the announcement is to be made a vote on the question whether or not negotiations should be opened on the basis of the mandate included in the committee's decision.*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*2b. A political group or 40 Members may request the inclusion on the agenda for the part-session at which the announcement is to be made of a vote on the question of whether or not negotiations should be opened on the basis of the mandate included in the committee's decision. Alternatively, the Conference of Presidents may decide to*

*include such a vote on the agenda.*

Or. de

**Amendment 29**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*2b. Any document intended to be discussed in a meeting with the Council and the Commission ("trilogue") shall be circulated to the entire negotiating team at least 48 hours in advance of the trilogue in question.*

*After each trilogue the negotiating team shall report to the subsequent meeting of the committee responsible. Documents of any kind which were considered during the trilogue in question shall be made available to the committee.*

*Where it proves not to be feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the negotiating team shall report back to the Chair, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators of the committee, as appropriate.*

*The committee responsible may update the mandate in the light of the progress of the negotiations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Marietta Giannakou, Manfred Weber**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2b. Any negotiation document (in a four-column format) shall be circulated to the negotiating team at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting.***

***After each trilogue the negotiating team shall report back to the committee at its subsequent meeting.***

***Where it is not feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the negotiating team shall report back to the Chair, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators of the committee, as appropriate.***

***Any negotiation document (in a four-column format) reflecting the outcome of the last trilogue shall be made available to the committee.***

Or. en

**Amendment 31  
Stanimir Ilchev**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 70 – paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2c. The Conference of Presidents or one third of the component Members of Parliament coming from at least two political groups may request the inclusion on the agenda of a part-session following the announcement referred to in paragraph 2a of a debate followed by a vote on the decision on the opening of negotiations. Amendments to the decision shall be admissible subject to the conditions laid down in Rules 156 and 157.***

**Amendment 32**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2c. Following the announcement referred to in paragraph 2a, a political group or 40 Members may request the inclusion on the agenda for a part-session of a debate followed by a vote on the decision to open negotiations. Alternatively, the Conference of Presidents may decide to include such a debate on the agenda. Amendments to the mandate shall be admissible subject to the conditions laid down in Rules 156 and 157.***

Or. de

**Amendment 33**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***2d. The negotiating team in the course of an ordinary legislative procedure shall be led by the Chair of the committee responsible or by another member of the team designated by him or her. The negotiating team shall comprise the rapporteur, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators.***

***The negotiating team shall regularly report back to the committee responsible on the progress and outcome of the***

*negotiations.*

*After each meeting with the Council and the Commission (trilogue), all drafts considered during that meeting shall be made available to the committee. At its subsequent meeting the committee shall be informed about the state of the negotiations.*

*Where it proves not to be feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the negotiating team shall report back to the Chair, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators of the committee. In that event, the committee shall still be informed about the state of the negotiations at its subsequent meeting.*

*The committee responsible may update the mandate in the light of the progress of the negotiations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*2d. The negotiating team in the course of an ordinary legislative procedure shall be led by the Chair of the committee responsible or by the rapporteur. The negotiating team shall comprise the rapporteur, the shadow rapporteurs and, should the latter be unable to take part, the coordinators.*

*The negotiating team shall regularly report back to the committee responsible on the progress and outcome of the negotiations.*

*After each meeting with the Council and the Commission (trialogue), all draft texts*



*considered at the meeting in question shall be made available to the committee. At its next meeting the committee shall be informed about the state of play of the negotiations.*

*Where it does not prove feasible to convene a meeting of the committee in a timely manner, the negotiating team shall report back to the Chair, the shadow rapporteurs and the coordinators of the committee.*

*The committee responsible may update the mandate in the light of the progress of the negotiations, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2, 2a and 2b.*

Or. de

**Amendment 35**  
**Andrew Duff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council *following the adoption of the report by the committee*, the committee shall *in any case be reconsulted before the vote in plenary*.

*Amendment*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council, the *coordinators of the committee responsible shall be informed without delay and the committee responsible shall consider the agreed draft legislative act*.

*Where the committee responsible approves the agreed draft legislative act, it shall table it for consideration by Parliament in the form of the compromise amendments or a report which clearly displays amendments to the original text.*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council *following* the *adoption* of the *report by the committee*, the committee shall *in any case be reconsulted before the vote in plenary*.

*Amendment*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council, *the coordinators of the committee responsible shall be informed without delay and* the committee responsible shall *consider the agreed draft legislative act*.

*Where the committee responsible approves the agreed draft legislative act, it shall table it for consideration by Parliament in the form of a report, of compromise amendments or of an amendment containing a consolidated text.*

Or. de

**Amendment 37**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council *following* the *adoption* of the *report by the committee*, *the committee* shall *in any case be reconsulted before the vote in plenary*.

*Amendment*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council, the *coordinators* of the committee *responsible* shall be *informed without delay*. *The agreed draft legislative act shall be submitted to the committee responsible, and if approved shall be tabled for consideration by Parliament in the form, where appropriate, of:*

*– a report, or*

*-compromise amendments which may take the form of a consolidated text.*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Gerald Häfner**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council *following the adoption of the report by the committee*, the committee shall *in any case* be *reconsulted before* the vote in plenary.

*Amendment*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council, the committee *responsible* shall be *informed without delay*. *The agreed draft legislative act shall be submitted to the committee responsible, and if approved shall be tabled for consideration by Parliament in the form of a report or compromise amendments, which may take the form of a consolidated text.*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Marietta Giannakou**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council following the adoption of the report by the committee, the committee shall *in any case* be *reconsulted* before the vote in plenary.

*Amendment*

3. If the negotiations lead to a compromise with the Council following the adoption of the report by the committee, the *coordinators of the committee responsible* shall be *informed without delay*. *The agreed text shall be submitted to the committee responsible for approval* before the vote in plenary.

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Andrew Duff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 70 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***3a. Where the procedure involves associated committees or joint committee meetings, Rules 50 and 51 shall apply to the decision on the opening of negotiations and to the conduct of such negotiations.***

Or. en

**Amendment 41  
Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 70 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***3a. Where a draft legislative act is considered under the procedure with associated committees pursuant to Rule 50, or under the procedure with joint committee meetings pursuant to Rule 51, those rules shall also apply to the decision on the opening of negotiations and to the conduct of such negotiations. In the event of disagreement between the committees concerned, the arrangements for the opening and the conduct of such negotiations shall be determined by the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs in accordance with the principles set out in these Rules of Procedure.***

Or. de

**Amendment 42  
Gerald Häfner**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 70 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***3a. Where a draft legislative act is examined in the procedure with associated committees in accordance with Rule 50, or in the procedure with joint committee meetings pursuant to Rule 51, those Rules shall also apply to the decision on the opening of negotiations and to the conduct of such negotiations. In the event of disagreement between the committees concerned, the matter shall be submitted to the Conference of Presidents, which, without prejudice to Rule 70a, may decide on the modalities for the opening and conduct of negotiations in accordance with the principles set out in those Rules.***

Or. en

**Amendment 43  
Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 70 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***3a. Where a draft legislative act is examined in the procedure with associated committees in accordance with Rule 50, or in the procedure with joint committee meetings pursuant to Rule 51, those Rules shall also apply to the decision on the opening of negotiations and to the conduct of such negotiations. In the event of disagreement between the committees concerned, the modalities for the opening and the conduct of such negotiations shall be determined by the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs in accordance with the principles***

*set out in those Rules.*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 70a***

***Approval of a decision on the opening of interinstitutional negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading***

***1. Any decision by a committee on the opening of negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading shall be translated into all the official languages, distributed to all Members of Parliament and submitted to the Conference of Presidents.***

***The Conference of Presidents may decide to include the item, for consideration with a debate and vote, in the draft agenda of the part-session subsequent to the distribution.***

***In the absence of such decision by the Conference of Presidents, the decision on the opening of negotiations shall be announced by the President at the opening of the subsequent part-session.***

***2. The item shall be included in the draft agenda of the part-session subsequent to the announcement for consideration with a debate and vote, and the President shall set a deadline for the tabling of amendments where one-tenth of the component Members of Parliament coming from at least two political groups or at least two political groups so request within 48 hours after the announcement.***

*Otherwise, the decision on the opening of the negotiations shall be deemed to be approved.*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Gerald Häfner**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 70a***

***Approval of a decision on the opening interinstitutional negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading***

***1. Any decision by a committee on the opening of negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading shall be translated into all the official languages, distributed to all Members of Parliament and submitted to the Conference of Presidents.***

***The Conference of Presidents may decide to include the item, for consideration with a debate and vote, in the draft agenda of the part-session subsequent to the distribution.***

***In the absence of such decision by the Conference of Presidents, the decision on the opening of negotiations shall be announced by the President at the opening of the subsequent part-session.***

***2. The item shall be included in Parliament's agenda of the part-session subsequent to the announcement for consideration with a debate and vote, and the President shall set a deadline for the tabling of amendments where two groups representing at least one-tenth of the component Members of Parliament so request within 48 hours after the***

*announcement.*

*Otherwise, the decision on the opening of the negotiations shall be deemed to be approved.*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Gerald Häfner**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 70a**

***Approval of a decision on the opening interinstitutional negotiations prior to the adoption of a report***

***1. Any decision by a committee on the opening of negotiations prior to the adoption of a report shall be translated into all the official languages, distributed to all Members of Parliament and submitted to the Conference of Presidents.***

***The Conference of Presidents may decide to include the item, for consideration with a debate and vote, in the draft agenda of the part-session subsequent to the distribution.***

***In the absence of such decision by the Conference of Presidents, the decision on the opening of negotiations shall be announced by the President at the opening of the subsequent part-session.***

***2. The item shall be included in Parliament's agenda of the part-session subsequent to the announcement for consideration with a debate and vote, and the President shall set a deadline for the tabling of amendments where two groups representing at least one-tenth of the component Members of Parliament so***



*request within 48 hours after the announcement.*

*Otherwise, the decision on the opening of the negotiations shall be deemed to be approved.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The rapporteur proposes a new Rule 70 a for first reading agreements. One might want to consider to extend this procedure to other relevant legislative procedures where a committee might want to enter into interinstitutional negotiations without a report having passed in Plenary.*

**Amendment 47**  
**Vital Moreira**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 70 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 70a***

***Approval of a decision on the opening of interinstitutional negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading***

***1. A decision on the opening of negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading may only be adopted in duly justified cases and by a two-thirds majority of the committee responsible.***

***2. The decision shall be translated into all the official languages and transmitted to the President and to the presidents of the political groups and the chairs of committees.***

***It shall be announced by the President at the opening of the part-session following its adoption by the committee responsible.***

***3. The decision of the committee may be***

*overruled:*

*– by the Conference of Presidents at its next ordinary meeting following the announcement;*

*– by a vote in plenary under a request by two political groups representing at least one quarter of the Members of Parliament within 48 hours after the announcement.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The decision to enter into early first reading negotiations, prior to the debate and vote in plenary, should be duly justified and be taken by a qualified majority. Save for exceptional cases, the rule should be to enter into negotiations with the Council only after a debate and a vote in plenary, to allow the political groups to table amendments to the Committee report and to strengthen the negotiating position of the Parliament.*

**Amendment 48**

**Marietta Giannakou, Manfred Weber, Rafał Trzaskowski**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 70 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 70a***

***Approval of a decision on the opening of interinstitutional negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading***

***1. Any decision by a committee on the opening of negotiations prior to the adoption of a report at first reading shall be translated into all the official languages, distributed to all Members of Parliament and submitted to the Conference of Presidents.***

***2. If so requested by at least one political group, the Conference of Presidents shall include the item, for consideration with a debate, opening of a deadline for amendments and vote, in the draft agenda***

*of the part-session subsequent to its adoption by the committee responsible and distribution in all the official languages.*

*3. In the absence of such decision by the Conference of Presidents, the decision on the opening of negotiations shall be announced by the President at the opening of the subsequent part-session. That decision shall be deemed to be adopted unless, within 48 hours after the announcement, 40 Members request in writing that the item be included in the draft agenda of the part-session subsequent to the announcement for consideration with a debate and vote. The President shall set a deadline for the tabling of amendments.*

*4. The report as adopted by plenary shall form the basis for the mandate of the negotiating team and shall be referred back to the committee responsible as such. The committee responsible shall take a decision on any agreement reached as an outcome of those negotiations.*

Or. en