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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **114 - 282**

**Draft report**  
**Salvatore De Meo**  
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Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure implementing the  
parliamentary reform "Parliament 2024"

(2024/2000(REG))



**Amendment 114**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Citation 2 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the decision of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 19 April 1995 on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry (95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC),*

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Citation 2 b (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry (2009/2212(INL)),*

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Sandro Gozi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

- 2a. Commits to engage with the Commission to commence a review of the 2010 Framework Agreement on relations**

*between the European Parliament and the European Commission in light of the following amendments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

**2a. Decides that by 31 December 2026, an assessment shall be made of the impact of the amendments, followed, where appropriate, by their revision;**

Or. en

**Amendment 118**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

**2a. Decides to evaluate the impact of the amendments by 31 July 2026, and if appropriate, revise them;**

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Sven Simon**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 27 – paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**7a. The Conference of Presidents shall be the authority responsible for authorising committee and delegation meetings away from the usual places of work and interparliamentary meetings.**

Or. en

**Amendment 120**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 27 – paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**7a. The Conference of Presidents shall be the authority responsible for authorising all missions away from the usual places of work and interparliamentary meetings.**

Or. en

**Amendment 121**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 47 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

1. Parliament may request the Commission, pursuant to Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to submit any appropriate proposal to it for the adoption of a new act or the amendment of an existing act. Parliament shall do so by adopting a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report drawn up by the committee responsible in accordance with Rule 54. The resolution

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shall be adopted by a majority of the component Members of Parliament in the final vote. Parliament may, at the same time, set a deadline for the submission of such a proposal.

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***Parliament's resolution shall indicate the appropriate legal basis.***

***Parliament shall consider any potential financial implications of any proposal made.***

Or. en

## **Amendment 122**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 47 – paragraph 1**

##### *Present text*

1. Parliament may request the Commission, pursuant to Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to submit any appropriate proposal to it for the adoption of a new act or the amendment of an existing act. Parliament shall do so by adopting a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report drawn up by the committee responsible in accordance with Rule 54. The resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the component Members of Parliament in the final vote. Parliament may, at the same time, set a deadline for the submission of such a proposal.

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***Parliament's resolution shall indicate the appropriate legal basis.***

***Parliament may consider the potential financial implications of any proposal made.***

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Parliament's resolution shall indicate the appropriate legal basis upon the opinion of the committee responsible for legal affairs. The financial implications of each proposal are also considered upon the opinion of the committee responsible for budgetary issues.***

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

The proposal shall be submitted to the President, who shall verify whether the legal requirements are fulfilled. The President *may* refer the proposal for an opinion on the appropriateness of the legal basis to the committee responsible for ***such verification***. If the President declares the proposal to be admissible, he or she shall announce it in plenary and refer it to the committee responsible for the subject matter.

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Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3**

*Present text*

The proposal shall be submitted to the President, who shall verify whether the legal requirements are fulfilled. The President *may* refer the proposal for an opinion on the appropriateness of the legal basis ***to the committee responsible for such verification***. If the President declares the proposal to be admissible, he or she shall announce it in plenary and refer it to the committee responsible for the subject matter.

*Amendment*

The proposal shall be submitted to the President, who shall verify whether the legal requirements are fulfilled. The President ***shall*** refer the proposal ***to the committee responsible for legal affairs*** for an opinion on the appropriateness of the legal basis. If the President declares the proposal to be admissible, he or she shall announce it in plenary and refer it to the committee responsible for the subject matter.

Or. en

*Justification*

*We are critical towards the complexity of the procedure outlined in amendment 7 which leads to a de facto automaticity of referral to JURI. We therefore propose to include this automaticity here by saying "shall" instead of "may" and by rejecting amendment 7 of the draft report.*

**Amendment 126**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

***3. Parliament's resolution shall indicate the appropriate legal basis and shall be accompanied by recommendations concerning the content of the required proposal.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 127**



Sandro Gozi

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 47 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. *Parliament's resolution shall indicate the appropriate legal basis and shall be accompanied by recommendations concerning the content of the required proposal.*

*Amendment*

3. *Where the President has not referred the proposal to the committee responsible for legal affairs for an opinion on the appropriateness of the legal basis, the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall request such an opinion from that committee, which must be delivered in a swift manner.*

Or. en

**Amendment 128  
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 47 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. *Parliament's resolution shall indicate the appropriate legal basis and shall be accompanied by recommendations concerning the content of the required proposal.*

*Amendment*

3. *Where the President has not referred the proposal to the committee responsible for verifying the appropriateness of the legal basis, the committee responsible for the subject-matter may request such an opinion from that committee.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not correct to say in Rule 47(2) that the President may refer an INL proposal to JURI, and then say here that if the President does not refer to JURI that the committee responsible shall request an opinion from JURI. It should be an option for the lead committee to request a JURI opinion on the legal basis. Or if it is agreed that JURI must always provide an opinion then that can be done, but through a more streamlined and straightforward drafting proposal.*

**Amendment 129**

Sandro Gozi

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. *Where a proposal has financial implications, Parliament shall indicate how sufficient financial resources can be provided.*

*Amendment*

4. *The committee responsible for budgetary issues may provide an opinion on the potential financial implications of the proposal. It shall provide such an opinion if so requested by the committee responsible for the subject-matter. That opinion must be delivered in a swift manner.*

Or. en

**Amendment 130**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. *Where a proposal has financial implications, Parliament shall indicate how sufficient financial resources can be provided.*

*Amendment*

4. *The committee responsible for budgetary issues shall provide the committee responsible for the subject-matter with an opinion on the potential financial implications of the proposal.*

Or. en

**Amendment 131**  
**Sven Simon**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 47 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. *Where a proposal has financial implications, Parliament shall indicate*

*Amendment*

4. *The committee responsible for budgetary issues shall provide an opinion*

*how sufficient financial resources can be provided.*

*on the potential financial implications of the proposal.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Legislative INI reports constitute an EP initiative power, hence their quality is of great weight. INL ought to be considered as a key step in the legislative process and should be submitted to the same rules as legislative files. Therefore, INL's potential financial implications should be examined by the BUDG committee, alongside the legal basis by the JURI committee.*

**Amendment 132**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 47 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Parliament's resolution shall include recommendations concerning the content of the requested proposal.***

Or. en

**Amendment 133**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 48 – title**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Consideration*** of legally binding acts

***Referral*** of legally binding acts ***and questions of competence***

Or. en

**Amendment 134**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. The President shall refer proposals for legally binding acts received from other institutions or Member States to the committee responsible, for consideration. The other committees shall be informed of the referral at the same time.

*Amendment*

1. The President shall refer proposals for legally binding acts received from other institutions or Member States to the committee responsible ***or to up to two committees responsible pursuant to Rule 58*** for consideration. The ***President may at the same time refer proposals to one or more committees for them to draft an opinion pursuant to Rule 56***. The other committees ***and political groups*** shall be informed of the referral at the same time.

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

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*Amendment*

1. The President shall refer proposals for legally binding acts received from other institutions or Member States to the committee responsible ***or to two committees responsible pursuant to Rule 58*** for consideration. ***The President may at the same time refer proposals to one or more committees for them to draft an opinion pursuant to Rule 56 or 57***. The other committees shall be informed of the referral at the same time.

Or. en

*Justification*

*We prefer a maximum involvement of two committees in the Rule 58 procedure and do not do want groups to be involved in the referral procedure on the same level as committees.*

## **Amendment 136**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 48 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

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*Amendment*

1. The President shall refer proposals for legally binding acts received from other institutions or Member States to the committee responsible, for consideration. The other committees **and political groups** shall be informed of the referral at the same time.

Or. en

## **Amendment 137**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 48 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1a. Within one week of the referral, a committee or a political group may challenge the President's referral to the committee responsible. In such a case, that committee or group shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents.***

***The Conference of Presidents may decide to request a recommendation on the matter from the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt a recommendation within one week. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the final referral at its first***

*next meeting, provided that the transmission by the Conference of Committee Chairs of its recommendation has taken place at least one week before; otherwise the Conference of Presidents shall take a decision at its second next meeting.*

*If no committee or political group challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.*

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The deadline for the CCC to provide the CoP with its recommendation should not lead to a potential five-week delay. There is a risk that the deadline set for the CoP decision would lead to the regular and systematic use of written procedure at the CoP level for this purpose. The recommendation of the CCC should then be transmitted to the CoP at least one week before the CoP next first meeting and if so the CoP is called to take a decision during that meeting. If this deadline of one week prior to the next first CoP meeting is not achievable, then the CoP would then be tasked to take a decision at its second next meeting.*

#### **Amendment 138** **Sandro Gozi**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure** **Rule 48 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*1a. Within two weeks of the referral, a committee or a political group may challenge the President's referral to the committee responsible. In such a case, that committee or group shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents.*

*The Conference of Presidents may decide to request a recommendation on the matter from the Conference of Committee*

*Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt a recommendation at its next meeting. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the final referral at its earliest possible meeting after the transmission by the Conference of Committee Chairs of its recommendation.*

*If no committee or political group challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.*

Or. en

**Amendment 139**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*1a. Within two weeks of the referral, a committee may challenge the President's referral to the committee responsible. In such a case, that committee shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents..*

*The Conference of Presidents may decide to request a recommendation on the matter from the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt a recommendation at its next meeting. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the final referral at its next meeting following the transmission by the Conference of Committee Chairs of its recommendation*

*If no committee challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible*

*within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*This refers only to clear-cut cases, where the President has no doubt about the competences, so allowing just one political group to challenge seems disproportionate and unnecessary (but in amendment 16 for cases of doubt - it makes sense to keep the political group involvement). In case of clear error, then it should be the committee affected which makes the challenge, also to avoid overburdening the CoP with unsubstantiated challenges. Regarding the timing, one week is considered too short, and could have the perverse effect of pre-emptive challenges by secretariats. Two weeks (in line with the current rule) is preferred.*

**Amendment 140**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 48 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1a. Within two weeks of the referral, a committee or a political group may challenge the President's referral to the committee responsible. In such a case, that committee or group shall provide a detailed written justification at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents.***

***The Conference of Presidents may decide to request a recommendation on the matter from the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt a recommendation at its next meeting. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the final referral at the subsequent meeting following the transmission by the Conference of Committee Chairs of its recommendation.***

***If no committee or political group challenges the President's referral to the***



*committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.*

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*1a. Within two weeks of the referral, a committee may challenge the President's referral to the committee responsible. In such a case, that committee shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Committee Chairs.*

*The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt a recommendation at its next meeting. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the final referral within one week from the transmission by the Conference of Committee Chairs of its recommendation.*

*If no committee challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*We propose to maintain the two weeks deadline (without green and white weeks) for committees to challenge the referral as recently decided on by plenary. We also delete "political groups" on the same level as committees in this procedure and propose for committees to provide their justifications directly to the Conference of Committee Chair, not*

to the Conference of Presidents before.

**Amendment 142**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 48 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1b. Weeks without parliamentary activities and weeks set aside for external parliamentary activities shall not be taken into account for the purposes of any deadline set out in this Rule.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*We propose to not include green and white weeks within the deadlines outlined in this rule.*

**Amendment 143**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 48 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

2. In cases of doubt, the President may, before the ***announcement in Parliament of a referral to the committee responsible, submit a question concerning competence to the Conference of Presidents.*** The Conference of Presidents shall ***adopt its decision on the basis of a recommendation from the Conference of Committee Chairs, or the chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs, in accordance with Rule 211(2).***

2. In cases of doubt, the President may, before the ***referral provided for in paragraph 1, decide to request a recommendation on the question of competence from the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt that recommendation at its next meeting. After receiving the recommendation, the President shall make the referral. Political groups shall be informed of the referral at the same time. Within two weeks of the referral, a political group may challenge the President's referral to a committee responsible. In such a case,***

*that group shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents. The Conference of Presidents shall **take a** decision on the referral at that same meeting.*

*If no political group challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.*

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*One week is considered too short, and could have the perverse effect of preemptive challenges by political groups, pending proper internal consultation. Two weeks is preferred.*

#### **Amendment 144**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 48 – paragraph 2**

##### *Present text*

2. In cases of doubt, the President may, before the **announcement in Parliament of a referral to the committee responsible, submit a question concerning competence to the Conference of Presidents. The Conference of Presidents shall *adopt its* decision on the *basis of a recommendation from the Conference of Committee Chairs, or the chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs, in accordance with Rule 211(2).***

##### *Amendment*

2. In cases of doubt, the President may, before the **referral provided for in paragraph 1, decide to request a recommendation on the question of competence from the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt that recommendation at its next meeting. After receiving the recommendation, the President shall make the referral. Political groups shall be informed of the referral at the same time. Within two weeks of the referral, a political group may challenge the President's referral to a committee responsible. In such a case, that group shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one**

*week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents. The Conference of Presidents shall **take a** decision on the **referral at that same meeting.***

***If no political group challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered to be final.***

Or. en

**Amendment 145**  
**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

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*Amendment*

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***If no political group challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's***

*referral shall be considered to be final*

Or. en

## **Amendment 146**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 48 – paragraph 2**

##### *Present text*

2. In cases of doubt, the President may, before the ***announcement in Parliament of a referral to the committee responsible, submit a question concerning competence to the Conference of Presidents. The Conference of Presidents shall adopt its decision on the basis of a recommendation from the Conference of Committee Chairs, or the chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs, in accordance with Rule 211(2).***

##### *Amendment*

2. In cases of doubt, the President may, before the ***referral provided for in paragraph 1, decide to request a recommendation on the question of competence from the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall adopt that recommendation at its next meeting. After receiving the recommendation, the President shall make the referral. Political groups shall be informed of the referral at the same time. Within two weeks of the referral, a political group may challenge the President's referral to a committee responsible. In such a case, that group shall provide a detailed written justification and a substantiated alternative based on Annex VI at least one week before the next meeting of the Conference of Presidents. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the referral at that same meeting.***

***If no political group challenges the President's referral to the committee responsible within the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President's referral shall be considered final.***

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Increase of the deadline to challenge the decision from one week to two weeks.*

**Amendment 147**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**2a. A committee to which the President has not referred the proposal for an opinion pursuant to paragraph 1 may request, in time before the referral of that proposal is announced in plenary, an authorisation from the Conference of Committee Chairs to draw up an opinion. That request shall be based on a written statement of reasons justifying the committee's substantial competence for the subject matter of the proposal. The Conference of Committee Chairs or its Chair shall take a decision at its next meeting and inform the President thereof.**

Or. en

*Justification*

*This leaves the final decision on opinions to the CCC (note "or its chair" is not included here, whereas in previous parts such as amendments 15 & 16 it is included). The question of how the CCC would decide is not clear if there is no agreement among Chairs, in particular when it is a straight yes/no questions with no options in between. In such circumstances, the Chair of the CCC could be the ultimate arbiter if no agreement or clear decision can be reached in the CCC.*

**Amendment 148**  
**Sven Simon**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 48 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**2a. A committee to which the President has not referred the proposal for an opinion pursuant to paragraph 1**

*may request, in time before the referral of that proposal is announced in plenary, an authorisation from the Conference of Committee Chairs to draw up an opinion. That request shall be based on a written statement of reasons justifying the committee's substantial competence for the subject matter of the proposal. The Conference of Committee Chairs shall take a decision within one week and inform the President thereof.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The deadline for the CCC to provide the CoP with its recommendation should not lead to a potential five-week delay.*

**Amendment 149**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 49**

*Present text*

The acceleration of legislative procedures in coordination with the Council and Commission regarding specific proposals, selected in particular from among those identified as priorities in the joint declaration on annual interinstitutional programming pursuant to Rule 38(2), *may* be agreed by the committee or committees responsible.

*Amendment*

The acceleration of legislative procedures in coordination with the Council and Commission regarding specific proposals, selected in particular from among those identified as priorities in the joint declaration on annual interinstitutional programming pursuant to Rule 38(2), *shall* be agreed by the committee or committees responsible.

Or. en

**Amendment 150**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 51 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. After taking a decision on the procedure to be followed, and **if** the simplified procedure under Rule 52 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legally binding act from among its members or permanent substitutes ***if it has not yet done so on the basis of Rule 48(4).***

*Amendment*

2. After taking a decision on the procedure to be followed, and **provided that** the simplified procedure under Rule 52 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legally binding act from among its members or permanent substitutes.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Deletes the possibility to appoint a rapporteur to follow the preparatory phase of a proposal.*

**Amendment 151**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 51 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. After taking a decision on the procedure to be followed, and if the simplified procedure under Rule 52 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legally binding act from among **its** members or permanent substitutes ***if it has not yet done so on the basis of Rule 48(4).***

*Amendment*

2. After taking a decision on the procedure to be followed, and if the simplified procedure under Rule 52 does not apply, **political groups in** the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legally binding act from among **the committee's** members or permanent substitutes <sup>1a</sup>.

***According to Rule 214, rapporteurs are appointed by the committee coordinators. These are chosen from among members of the political groups or from among non-attached members in the committee. In the case of a rapporteur moving from one political group to another, the report is reassigned to a member of the group that originally appointed him or her. In the event of a non-attached rapporteur joining a political group, the report is retained by the member.***

*(The last subparagraph is inserted as*



interpretation)

Or. en

## Amendment 152

Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

### Parliament's Rules of Procedure

#### Rule 53 – paragraph 1

##### *Present text*

1. Where a committee draws up a non-legislative report, **it** shall appoint a rapporteur from among **its** members or permanent substitutes.

##### *Amendment*

1. Where a committee draws up a non-legislative report, **political groups in the committee** shall appoint a rapporteur from among **the committee's** members or permanent substitutes <sup>1a</sup>.

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<sup>1a</sup> *The interpretation of Rule 51(2) shall apply.*

Or. en

## Amendment 153

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff

### Parliament's Rules of Procedure

#### Rule 53 a (new)

##### *Present text*

##### *Amendment*

##### **Rule 53a**

##### **Co-rapporteurship**

**1. Exceptionally, without prejudice to Rule 51(2) and at the request of the committee responsible, the Conference of Presidents may authorise the appointment of co-rapporteurs.**

**2. The appointment of co-rapporteurs shall not be authorised under paragraph 1 for reports drawn up by committees jointly under Rule 58, for opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or for own-initiative reports,**

*except for those of a budgetary or institutional nature.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It has not been justified why the CoP flexibility to decide on co-rapporteurships should be limited. However, it could be useful to insert into the RoP the possibility for the CoP to do so, but with no upper limit. The alternative is to not have any new rule and continue with the current practice whereby the CoP decides on co-rapporteurships, even if this possibility is not mentioned anywhere in the RoP.*

**Amendment 154**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 53 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 53a**

**Co-rapporteurship**

***1. Exceptionally, without prejudice to Rule 51(2) and at the request of the committee responsible, the Conference of Presidents may authorise the appointment of maximum three co-rapporteurs. As a general rule, co-rapporteurs should come from different political groups.***

***2. The appointment of co-rapporteurs shall not be authorised under paragraph 1 for opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or for own-initiative reports, except for those of a budgetary or institutional nature.***

Or. en

**Amendment 155**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 53 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 53a**

**Co-rapporteurship**

***1. Exceptionally, without prejudice to Rule 51(2) and at the request of the committee responsible, the Conference of Presidents may authorise the appointment of maximum two co-rapporteurs.***

***2. The appointment of co-rapporteurs shall not be authorised under paragraph 1 for reports drawn up by committees jointly under Rule 58, for opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or for own-initiative reports, except for those of a budgetary or institutional nature.***

Or. en

**Amendment 156**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 53 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 53a**

**Co-rapporteurship**

***1. Exceptionally, without prejudice to Rule 51(2) and at the request of the committee responsible, the Conference of Presidents may authorise the appointment of co-rapporteurs.***

***2. The appointment of co-rapporteurs shall not be authorised under paragraph 1 for reports drawn up by committees jointly under Rule 58, for opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or for own-initiative reports, except for those of a budgetary or institutional nature.***

*Justification*

*Deletes the limit of maximum three co-rapporteurs.*

**Amendment 157**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 54 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**3a. Where a committee draws up a non-legislative report under paragraph 1, political groups in the committee shall appoint a rapporteur from among the committee's members or permanent substitutes <sup>1a</sup>.**

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**<sup>1a</sup> The interpretation of Rule 51(2) shall apply.**

**Amendment 158**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 54 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160. ***Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by at least one-tenth of the Members. Political***

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160 ***or submitted directly for a vote*** in plenary.

*groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 181(3). Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Instead of adding further exceptions to this rule in paragraph 5 (see AM 26), this amendment aims to give certainty that the general amendment procedure, allowing groups to table amendments, also applies to all own-initiative reports.*

**Amendment 159**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 54 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160. Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by at least one-tenth of the Members. Political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 181(3). Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

*Amendment*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160 ***or submitted directly for a vote in plenary, unless, before the adoption of the final draft agenda pursuant to Rule 157, a political group or groups reaching at least the high threshold submit a request for them to be subject of a debate.*** Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by at least one-tenth of the Members. ***At least one-tenth of the Members and*** political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 181(3). Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative

motions for resolutions.

Or. en

### **Amendment 160**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 54 – paragraph 4**

##### *Present text*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160. Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by at least **one-tenth of the Members**. Political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 181(3). Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

##### *Amendment*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160 **or submitted directly for a vote in plenary**. Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall only be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by **Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold**. Political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 181(3). Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Technical AM, aiming to preserve the consistency with Rule 179 thresholds*

### **Amendment 161**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 54 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160. Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall **only** be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by **at least one-tenth of the Members. Political groups may table alternative motions for resolutions in accordance with Rule 181(3).** Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

*Amendment*

4. Motions for resolutions submitted to Parliament shall be examined under the short presentation procedure set out in Rule 160 **or submitted directly for a vote in plenary.** Amendments to such motions for resolutions and requests for split votes or separate votes shall be admissible for consideration in plenary if they are tabled either by the rapporteur, in order to take account of new information, or by **a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold.** Rule 190 shall apply to the committee's motion for a resolution and amendments thereto. Rule 190 shall also apply to the single vote on alternative motions for resolutions.

Or. en

**Amendment 162**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 54 – paragraph 5**

*Present text*

5. **Paragraph 4 shall not apply where the subject of the report qualifies for a key debate in plenary, where the report is drawn up pursuant to the right of initiative referred to in Rule 46 or 47, or where the report has been authorised as a strategic report<sup>18</sup>.**

*Amendment*

**deleted**

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<sup>18</sup> See the relevant decision of the Conference of Presidents.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*Instead of adding further exceptions to this rule in paragraph 5 (see AM 26), this amendment aims to give certainty that the general amendment procedure, allowing groups to table amendments, also applies to all own-initiative reports.*

#### **Amendment 163**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

##### **Rule 54 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**5a. The committee Chairs may enter into agreements with other committee Chairs concerning the allocation of an own-initiative report or a non-legislative report to a particular committee. If a question of competence arises among two or more standing committees, the matter shall be examined by the Conference of Committee Chairs, which shall issue a recommendation. The Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the basis of that recommendation at its next meeting and at the latest within six weeks after its transmission. If the Conference of Presidents fails to take a decision within that period, the recommendation shall be deemed approved.**

Or. en

### *Justification*

*Clarifies that the Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on the basis of the Conference of Committee Chair's recommendation at its next meeting and at the latest within six weeks after its transmission.*

#### **Amendment 164**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

##### **Rule 56 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**



*Present text*

The opinion giving committee *may* appoint a rapporteur for opinion from among its members or permanent substitutes *or send its views in the form of a letter from the Chair.*

*Amendment*

The opinion giving committee *shall* appoint a rapporteur for opinion from among its members or permanent substitutes. *Rule 51(2) shall apply mutatis mutandis.*

Or. en

**Amendment 165**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*1a. In duly justified cases, the opinion giving committee may be granted exclusive competences on one or more parts of the matter.*

*The committee responsible shall accept without a vote amendments where the concerned matter falls within the exclusive competence of the opinion giving committee.*

Or. en

**Amendment 166**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraphs 1 a and 1 b**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*The committee responsible shall set a deadline by which the opinion-giving committee must deliver its opinion if it is to be taken into account by the committee*

*responsible. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated by the committee responsible to the opinion-giving committee or opinion-giving committees.*

*The committee responsible shall not reach its final conclusions before that deadline has expired. The committee responsible shall put the amendments of the opinion-giving committees to the vote.*

*Amendments from an opinion-giving committee which are not adopted by the committee responsible may be tabled by that opinion-giving committee directly for consideration by Parliament, except for opinions pursuant to Rule 93, Rule 118 and Annex V.*

Or. en

**Amendment 167**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*The committee responsible shall set a reasonable deadline, after consulting the opinion-giving committee, by which the opinion-giving committee must deliver its opinion if it is to be taken into account by the committee responsible. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated by the committee responsible to the opinion-giving committee or opinion-giving committees together with the justification for such change. The committee responsible shall not reach its final conclusions before that deadline has expired.*

Or. en

**Amendment 168**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

*In consultation with the opinion-giving committee(s), the committee responsible shall set a reasonable deadline by which the opinion-giving committee must deliver its opinion if it is to be taken into account by the committee responsible. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated by the committee responsible to the opinion-giving committee or opinion-giving committees. The committee responsible shall not reach its final conclusions before that deadline has expired.*

Or. en

**Amendment 169**  
**Sven Simon**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

Where the opinion does not concern a proposal for a legally binding act, it shall consist of *suggestions for parts* of the *motion for a resolution submitted* by the committee responsible.

Where the opinion does not concern a proposal for a legally binding act, it shall consist of *amendments to the draft report* of the *committee responsible*. *The timetable set* by the committee responsible *shall allow opinion-giving committees sufficient time to set a specific deadline to provide their amendments and to complete their work.*

Or. en

**Amendment 170**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

Where the opinion does not concern a proposal for a legally binding act, it shall consist of *suggestions for parts* of the *motion for a resolution submitted* by the committee responsible.

*Amendment*

Where the opinion does not concern a proposal for a legally binding act, it shall consist of *amendments to the draft report* of the *committee responsible*. *The timetable set* by the committee responsible *shall allow opinion-giving committees sufficient time to set a specific deadline to provide their amendments and to complete their work*.

Or. en

**Amendment 171**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3**

*Present text*

The committee responsible shall put *these* amendments *or suggestions* to the vote.

*Amendment*

The committee responsible shall put *the* amendments *of the opinion-giving committees* to the vote. *Amendments from an opinion-giving committee which are not adopted by the committee responsible may be tabled by that opinion-giving committee directly for consideration by Parliament, except for opinions pursuant to Rule 93, Rule 118 and Annex V*.

Or. en

**Amendment 172**  
**Sven Simon**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3**

*Present text*

The committee responsible shall put *these* amendments *or suggestions* to the vote.

*Amendment*

The committee responsible shall put *the* amendments *of the opinion-giving committees* to the vote.

Or. en

**Amendment 173**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 4**

*Present text*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee.

*Amendment*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee. *Amendments falling manifestly outside the areas of responsibility of that opinion-giving committee shall not be admissible.*

Or. en

**Amendment 174**  
**Sven Simon**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 4**

*Present text*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee.

*Amendment*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee. *Amendments falling outside the areas of responsibility of that opinion-*

*giving committee shall not be admissible.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Technical AMs for consistency purposes. Where opinions concern a proposal for a legally binding act, AMs from an opinion-giving committee which are not adopted by the committee responsible may be tabled by that opinion-giving committee directly in plenary.*

**Amendment 175**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 4**

*Present text*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee.

*Amendment*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee. ***Amendments falling outside the areas of responsibility of that opinion-giving committee shall not be admissible.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*In line with amendment 29 (good and sincere cooperation), the lead committee(s) should at least consult the opinion-giving committees regarding the deadline for them to submit their amendments, which should be reasonable.*

**Amendment 176**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 4**

*Present text*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of ***responsibility*** of the opinion-giving

*Amendment*

The opinions shall deal solely with those matters that fall within the areas of ***competences*** of the opinion-giving committee. ***Amendments falling outside***

committee.

*the areas of competences of that opinion-giving committee shall not be admissible.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Changes "responsibility" into "competences".*

**Amendment 177**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 6**

*Present text*

6. All opinions *and amendments* adopted by the opinion-giving *committee* shall be annexed to the report of the committee responsible.

*Amendment*

6. All opinions adopted by the opinion-giving *committees* shall be annexed to the report of the committee responsible.

Or. en

**Amendment 178**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 – paragraph 8**

*Present text*

8. The Chair and rapporteur of the opinion-giving committee shall be invited to take part in an advisory capacity in meetings of the committee responsible, insofar as *these relate* to the *matter of common concern*.

*Amendment*

8. The Chair and rapporteur of the opinion-giving committee shall be invited to take part in an advisory capacity in meetings of the committee responsible. *The rapporteur of the opinion-giving committee shall also be invited to shadows meetings and preparatory meetings taking place within the framework of interinstitutional negotiations insofar as those meetings discuss matters falling within the competences of the opinion-giving committee. As regards the ordinary*

*legislative procedure, this paragraph shall only apply to the first-reading stage.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Clarifies that the rapporteur of the opinion-giving committee shall be invited not only in an advisory capacity, but on matters falling within the competences of the opinion-giving committee.*

**Amendment 179**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 56a***

***Budgetary assessment on proposals for legally binding acts with budgetary implications***

***1. Without prejudice to the application of Rule 48, where a proposal for a legally binding act has implications for the Union budget, that proposal shall be referred by the President to the committee responsible for budgetary issues, which may then issue a budgetary assessment of the proposal. It shall issue a budgetary assessment if so requested by the committee responsible for the subject-matter. This paragraph is without prejudice to the possibility for the committee responsible for budgetary issues to be authorised to submit opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or to act jointly with one or more committees pursuant to Rule 58.***

***2. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall set a deadline within which the budgetary assessment is to be provided. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated to the committee***



*responsible for budgetary issues. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall not adopt its report before that deadline has expired.*

*3. The budgetary assessment shall examine whether the proposal for a legally binding act provides for sufficient financial resources, whether the proposed financing architecture is appropriate, and shall evaluate the potential impact of the financing proposed on other Union programmes or policies, institutions, agencies or bodies, including, where relevant, the assigned revenues and human resources requirements.*

*It shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with the multiannual financial framework, the system of own resources and the corresponding interinstitutional agreement. Where applicable, the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with Parliament's position on any proposal to amend or replace that framework, that system or that agreement.*

*4. The committee responsible for budgetary issues may appoint a rapporteur from among its members or permanent substitutes or send its views in the form of a letter from its Chair.*

*The budgetary assessment may, where appropriate, contain amendments to the proposal for a legally binding act covering exclusively those issues referred to in paragraph 3 accompanied, where appropriate, by short justifications. Such justifications shall be the responsibility of their author and shall not be put to the vote. If necessary, the committee responsible for budgetary issues may submit a short written justification for the budgetary assessment as a whole. That short written justification shall be the responsibility of the rapporteur for the budgetary assessment.*

*Amendments on those issues by the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall be inadmissible. The budgetary assessment, including the amendments, shall be integrated into the report as such.*

*5. The amendments contained in the budgetary assessment shall be inserted as such in the amendments tabled to plenary by the committee responsible for the subject-matter if they are compatible with the amendments put to the vote in the latter committee. In the exceptional case where there is an incompatibility, the relevant amendment contained in the budgetary assessment shall be put to the vote in the committee responsible for the subject-matter. If it is then rejected, that amendment may be tabled in plenary by the committee responsible for budgetary issues.*

*In plenary, any such amendment tabled by the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall be put to the vote before any incompatible amendment.*

*6. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter and the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall cooperate throughout the procedure to ensure full consistency between policy and budgetary objectives. To this end, they shall invite each other's rapporteurs to their discussions within Parliament relating to the proposal for a legally binding act, including to the meetings between the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs.*

*7. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) shall include the rapporteur from the committee responsible for budgetary issues who shall lead the negotiations on the issues referred to in paragraph 3. Where a budgetary assessment is not provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter may ask*

*the committee responsible for budgetary issues to provide assistance to the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) in relation to the issues referred to in paragraph 3 at any stage of the interinstitutional negotiations.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The budgetary assessment should be also able to take the form of a letter by the Chair in case of simple cases. Past experience shows that the human resources and assigned revenues aspect, as well as the overall financing architecture of a proposal may have a major financial impact disrupting or affecting other programmes, institutions, agencies or bodies. In some cases, it would not be possible to perform a high-quality assessment without these aspects.*

**Amendment 180**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 56 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 56a***

***Budgetary assessment on proposals for legally binding acts with budgetary implications***

***1. Without prejudice to the application of Rule 48, where a proposal for a legally binding act has implications for the Union budget, that proposal shall be referred by the President to the committee responsible for budgetary issues. That committee shall then issue a budgetary assessment of the proposal if it deems it appropriate or if so requested by the committee responsible for the subject-matter. This paragraph is without prejudice to the possibility for the committee responsible for budgetary issues to be authorised to submit opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or to act jointly with one or more committees pursuant to Rule 58.***

***2. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall set a deadline within which the budgetary assessment is to be provided. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated to the committee responsible for budgetary issues. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall not adopt its report before that deadline has expired.***

***3. In the budgetary assessment, the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall examine whether the proposal for a legally binding act provides for sufficient financial resources, and evaluate the potential impact of the financing proposed on other Union programmes or policies. It shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with the multiannual financial framework, the system of own resources and the corresponding interinstitutional agreement. Where applicable, the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with Parliament's position on any proposal to amend or replace that framework, that system or that agreement.***

***4. The budgetary assessment shall consist of an evaluation of the issues of the proposal for a legally-binding act referred to in paragraph 3. The budgetary assessment may, where appropriate, also contain amendments to that proposal covering exclusively those issues referred to in paragraph 3. Amendments on those issues by the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall be inadmissible. The budgetary assessment, including the amendments, shall be integrated into the report as such.***

***5. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter and the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall cooperate throughout the procedure to***

*ensure full consistency between policy and budgetary objectives. To this end, they shall invite each other's rapporteurs to their discussions within Parliament relating to the proposal for a legally binding act, including to the meetings between the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs.*

*6. The amendments contained in the budgetary assessment shall be inserted as such in the amendments tabled to plenary by the committee responsible for the subject-matter if they are compatible with the amendments put to the vote in the latter committee. In the exceptional case where there is an incompatibility, the relevant amendment contained in the budgetary assessment shall be put to the vote in the committee responsible for the subject-matter. If it is then rejected, that amendment may be tabled in plenary by the committee responsible for budgetary issues. In plenary, any such amendment tabled by the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall be put to the vote before any incompatible amendment.*

*7. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) shall include the rapporteur from the committee responsible for budgetary issues. Where a budgetary assessment is not provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter may ask the committee responsible for budgetary issues to provide assistance to the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) in relation to the issues referred to in paragraph 3 at any stage of the interinstitutional negotiations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 181**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 56 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 56a***

***Budgetary assessment on proposals for legally binding acts with budgetary implications***

***1. Without prejudice to the application of Rule 48, where a proposal for a legally binding act has implications for the Union budget, that proposal shall be referred by the President to the committee responsible for budgetary issues. That committee shall then issue a budgetary assessment of the proposal if it deems it appropriate or if so requested by the committee responsible for the subject-matter. This paragraph is without prejudice to the possibility for the committee responsible for budgetary issues to be authorised to submit opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or to act jointly with one or more committees pursuant to Rule 58.***

***2. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall set a deadline within which the budgetary assessment is to be provided. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated to the committee responsible for budgetary issues. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall not adopt its report before that deadline has expired.***

***3. In the budgetary assessment, the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall examine whether the proposal for a legally binding act provides for sufficient financial resources, and evaluate the potential impact of the financing proposed on other Union programmes or policies. It shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with the multiannual financial framework, the system of own resources***

*and the corresponding interinstitutional agreement, as well as the budgetary principles as laid down in the Financial Regulation. Where applicable, the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with Parliament's position on any proposal to amend or replace that framework, that system or that agreement.*

*4. The budgetary assessment shall consist of an evaluation of the issues of the proposal for a legally-binding act referred to in paragraph 3. The budgetary assessment may, where appropriate, also contain amendments to that proposal covering exclusively those issues referred to in paragraph 3. Amendments on those issues by the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall be inadmissible. The budgetary assessment, including the amendments, shall be integrated into the report as such.*

*5. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter and the committee responsible for budgetary issues shall cooperate throughout the procedure to ensure full consistency between policy and budgetary objectives. To this end, they shall invite each other's rapporteurs to their discussions within Parliament relating to the proposal for a legally binding act, including to the meetings between the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs.*

*6. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) shall include the rapporteur from the committee responsible for budgetary issues who shall lead the negotiations on the issues referred to in paragraph 3. Where a budgetary assessment is not provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter may ask the committee responsible for budgetary issues to provide assistance to the*

*negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) in relation to the issues referred to in paragraph 3 at any stage of the interinstitutional negotiations.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Adds budgetary principles as laid down in the Financial Regulation in paragraph 3 and deletes former paragraph 6 of amendment 37 of the draft report as the outlined procedure is not needed since "Amendments on those issues by the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall be inadmissible" as outlined in paragraph 4.*

**Amendment 182**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 56 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 56a***

***Budgetary assessment on proposals for legally binding acts with budgetary implications***

***1. Without prejudice to the application of Rule 48, where a proposal for a legally binding act has implications for the Union budget, that proposal shall be referred by the President to the committee responsible for budgetary issues. That committee may then issue a budgetary assessment of the proposal if it deems it appropriate or if so requested by the committee responsible for the subject-matter. This paragraph is without prejudice to the possibility for the committee responsible for budgetary issues to be authorised to submit opinions pursuant to Rule 56 or to act jointly with one or more committees pursuant to Rule 58.***

***2. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall set a deadline within***



*which the budgetary assessment is to be provided. Any changes to the announced timetable shall be immediately communicated to the committee responsible for budgetary issues. The committee responsible for the subject-matter shall not adopt its report before that deadline has expired.*

*3. In the budgetary assessment, the committee responsible for budgetary issues may examine whether the proposal for a legally binding act provides for sufficient financial resources, and evaluate the potential impact of the financing proposed on other Union programmes or policies. It shall also determine whether the proposal is compatible with the multiannual financial framework, the system of own resources and the corresponding interinstitutional agreement.*

*4. The budgetary assessment may consist of an evaluation of the issues of the proposal for a legally binding act referred to in paragraph 3.*

*5. The amendments contained in the budgetary assessment shall be inserted as such in the amendments tabled to plenary by the committee responsible for the subject-matter if they are compatible with the amendments put to the vote in the latter committee. In the exceptional case where there is an incompatibility, the relevant amendment contained in the budgetary assessment shall be put to the vote in the committee responsible for the subject-matter. If it is then rejected, that amendment may be tabled in plenary by the committee responsible for budgetary issues.*

*6. Where a budgetary assessment is provided, the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) shall include the rapporteur from the committee responsible for budgetary issues. Where a budgetary assessment is not provided, the committee responsible for the subject-matter may ask*

*the committee responsible for budgetary issues to provide assistance to the negotiating team referred to in Rule 74(1) in relation to the issues referred to in paragraph 3 at any stage of the interinstitutional negotiations.*

Or. en

### **Amendment 183**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 57 – paragraph 1**

##### *Present text*

1. Where *a question of competence is referred to* the Conference of Presidents pursuant to Rule 211, *and the Conference of Presidents*, on the basis of Annex VI, considers that *the matter falls almost equally within the competence of two or more committees, or that different* parts of the matter fall within the *competence of two or more* committees, Rule 56 shall apply with the following additional provisions:

– *the timetable shall be jointly agreed by the committees concerned;*

– *the rapporteurs concerned shall keep each other informed and shall endeavour to agree on the texts they propose to their committees and on their position regarding amendments;*

– *the Chairs and rapporteurs concerned are bound by the principle of good and sincere cooperation; they shall jointly identify areas of the text falling within*

##### *Amendment*

1. Where the Conference of Presidents pursuant to Rule 48 *and* on the basis of Annex VI considers that parts of the matter fall *exclusively* within the *competences of a committee or* committees, *other than the committee responsible, the committee or committees may be authorised to draw up an opinion which shall be divided into two parts.* Rule 56 shall apply with the following additional provisions:

- *where amendments from an associated committee concern matters which fall within the exclusive competence of that associated committee, the committee responsible shall accept these amendments without a vote;*

- *where amendments from an associated committee concern matters which do not fall within the exclusive competence of that associated committee, but substantially within its competences outlined in Annex VI, the procedures outlined in Rule 56 shall apply;*

- *rapporteurs for opinions pursuant to this rule shall be able to participate in interinstitutional negotiations.*

*their exclusive or shared competence and agree on the precise arrangements for their cooperation; in the event of disagreement about the delimitation of competences the matter shall be submitted, at the request of one of the committees involved, to the Conference of Presidents; the Conference of Presidents may decide on the question of the respective competences or decide that the joint committee procedure under Rule 58 is to apply; it shall take its decision in accordance with the procedure and within the deadline set out in Rule 211;*

*– the committee responsible shall accept without a vote amendments from an associated committee where they concern matters which fall within the exclusive competence of that associated committee; if the committee responsible fails to respect the exclusive competence of the associated committee, that associated committee may table amendments directly in plenary; if amendments on matters which fall within the shared competence of the committee responsible and an associated committee are not adopted by the committee responsible, the associated committee may table those amendments directly in plenary;*

*– in the event of a conciliation procedure in respect of the proposal, Parliament's delegation shall include the rapporteur of any associated committee.*

*A decision by the Conference of Presidents to apply the associated committee procedure applies at all stages of the procedure in question.*

*The rights attaching to the status of "committee responsible" are exercised by the lead committee. In exercising those rights, the lead committee must take due account of the prerogatives of the associated committee. In particular, the lead committee must comply with the obligation to observe the principle of sincere cooperation as regards the*

*timetable and respect the right of the associated committee to determine the amendments submitted in plenary which fall within its exclusive competence.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*We intend to maintain Rule 57 in case a committee has exclusive competences on parts of the proposal. This amendment is meant to replace Rule 57 in its entirety.*

**Amendment 184**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 58 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. When a *question of competence is referred to it pursuant to Rule 211, the Conference of Presidents may decide that the procedure with joint meetings of committees and a joint vote is to be applied, provided that:*

*– by virtue of Annex VI, the matter falls indissociably within the competences of several committees; and*

*– it is satisfied that the question is of major importance.*

*Amendment*

1. When a *matter falls within the competence of two committees, without the competence of any of them prevailing, the procedure with joint meetings of committees and a joint vote may be applied pursuant to Rule 48 or Rule 54. Each committee shall nominate one rapporteur. The rapporteurs shall not be members of the same political group.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*We intend to limit the joint committee procedure to maximum two committees with one rapporteur per committee, who shall not be Members of the same political group.*

**Amendment 185**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 58 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. When a *question of competence is referred to it pursuant to Rule 211, the Conference of Presidents may decide that the procedure with joint meetings of committees and a joint vote is to be applied, provided that:*

*– by virtue of Annex VI, the matter falls indissociably within the competences of several committees; and*

*– it is satisfied that the question is of major importance.*

*Amendment*

1. When a *matter falls within the competence of two committees, without the competence of any of them prevailing, the procedure with joint meetings of committees and a joint vote may be applied pursuant to Rule 48 or Rule 54.*

Or. en

**Amendment 186  
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 58 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. When a *question of competence is referred to it pursuant to Rule 211, the Conference of Presidents may decide that the procedure with joint meetings of committees and a joint vote is to be applied, provided that:*

*– by virtue of Annex VI, the matter falls indissociably within the competences of several committees; and*

*– it is satisfied that the question is of major importance.*

*Amendment*

1. When a *matter falls indissociably within the competence of two or three committees, the procedure with joint meetings of committees and a joint vote may be applied pursuant to Rule 48 or Rule 54.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*There seems to be no justification to substitute the current wording "falls indissociably" for*

*"without the competence of any of them prevailing". Indeed, "falls indissociably" can be considered clearer, and would avoid excessive proliferation of the joint committee procedure.*

#### **Amendment 187**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 58 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Present text*

In that event, the respective rapporteurs shall draw up a single draft report, which shall be examined and voted on by the committees involved, under the joint chairmanship of the committee Chairs.

##### *Amendment*

In that event, the respective rapporteurs shall draw up a single draft report, which shall be examined and voted on by the committees involved, under the joint chairmanship of the committee Chairs. ***The chairmanship of meetings shall alternate among the Chairs of the committees involved, unless otherwise agreed between the committees.***

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Committees may agree that the chairmanship is not alternating.*

#### **Amendment 188**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 58 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Present text*

In that event, the respective rapporteurs shall draw up a single draft report, which shall be examined and voted on by the committees involved, under the joint chairmanship of the committee Chairs.

##### *Amendment*

In that event, the respective rapporteurs shall draw up a single draft report, which shall be examined and voted on by the committees involved, under the joint chairmanship of the committee Chairs. ***The chairmanship of meetings shall alternate among the Chairs of the committees involved.***

**Amendment 189**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 58 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Present text*

In that event, the respective rapporteurs shall draw up a single draft report, which shall be examined and voted on by the committees involved, under the joint chairmanship of the committee Chairs.

*Amendment*

In that event, the respective rapporteurs shall draw up a single draft report, which shall be examined and voted on by the committees involved, under the joint chairmanship of the committee Chairs. ***The chairmanship of meetings may alternate among the Chairs of the committees involved.***

**Amendment 190**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 58 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

At all stages of the procedure, the rights attaching to the status of committee responsible may be exercised by the committees involved only when they are acting jointly. The committees involved may set up working groups to prepare the meetings and votes.

*Amendment*

At all stages of the procedure, the rights attaching to the status of committee responsible may be exercised by the committees involved only when they are acting jointly. The committees involved may set up working groups to prepare the meetings and votes. ***When voting, the numerical strength of the larger committee shall be reduced to that of the smaller one, maintaining the proportional representation of the political groups and non-attached Members unchanged. For the calculation of quorums, majorities and thresholds, all committees involved shall be considered to constitute a single***

*committee.*

Or. en

**Amendment 191**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 71 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1a. Any committee having issued an opinion pursuant to Rule 56 may challenge the adoption of such a decision pursuant to Rule 71, paragraph 2, subparagraph 1.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Amendment 42 of the draft report is highly unclear as regards procedure and consequences. We propose to simply add the opinion-giving committee in the existing procedure in Rule 71, paragraph 2, subparagraph 1 as regards challenging the committee responsible's decision to enter into negotiations on the basis of that report.*

**Amendment 192**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 71 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

Decisions to enter into negotiations shall be ***announced at the beginning of*** the part-session following their adoption in committee. ***By the end of the day following the announcement in Parliament, Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold may request in writing that a committee decision to enter into***

Decisions to enter into negotiations shall be ***put to vote at*** the part-session following their adoption in committee.



*negotiations be put to the vote. Parliament shall then proceed to that vote during the same part-session.*

Or. en

### **Amendment 193**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 71 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Present text*

Decisions to enter into negotiations shall be announced at the beginning of the part-session following their adoption in committee. By the end of the day following the announcement in Parliament, Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold may request in writing that a committee decision to enter into negotiations be put to the vote. Parliament shall then proceed to that vote during the same part-session.

##### *Amendment*

Decisions to enter into negotiations shall be announced at the beginning of the part-session following their adoption in committee. By the end of the day following the announcement in Parliament, Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold ***or an opinion-giving committee*** may request in writing that a committee decision to enter into negotiations be put to the vote. Parliament shall then proceed to that vote during the same part-session.

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Amendment 42 of the draft report is highly unclear as regards procedure and consequences. We propose to simply add the opinion-giving committee in the existing procedure in Rule 71, paragraph 2, subparagraph 1 as regards challenging the committee responsible's decision to enter into negotiations on the basis of that report.*

### **Amendment 194**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 71 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

##### *Present text*

##### *Amendment*

***Should an opinion-giving committee decide to table amendments directly for consideration by Parliament, in accordance with Rule 56(2b), those amendments and the corresponding parts of the responsible committee's report shall be put to the vote, provided that they clearly fall within the areas of responsibility of the opinion-giving committee. The rest of the report forming the committee decision to enter into negotiations shall not be affected and shall be subject to the procedure referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The proposed amendment 42 is unclear what would be the consequences of an opinion-giving committee opposing the lead committee(s) agreeing to a mandate to enter into negotiations. Is it a veto? How does the opinion-giving committee decide: the Chair? the Rapporteur? the Coordinators? by a vote of a majority of its members?. In addition, would such a veto, presumably to allow the opinion-giving committee to exercise its right to retable its amendments to plenary, be desirable? How would the opinion-giving committee know 24 hours in advance whether the lead committee would have a majority to adopt or oppose its amendments? Therefore, an alternative procedure is proposed to allow an opinion-giving committee which wishes to retable amendments to plenary to do so without forcing the opening up of the entire mandate of the lead committee*

**Amendment 195**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 71 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

***If no such request is received by the expiry of the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President shall inform Parliament that this is the case. If a request is made, the President may, immediately prior to the vote, give the floor to one speaker *in favour of* the committee's decision to enter into***

*Amendment*

The President may, immediately prior to the vote, give the floor to one speaker ***from each political group to speak on*** the committee's decision to enter into negotiations. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than ***one minute***.

negotiations *and to one speaker against that decision*. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than *two minutes*.

Or. en

**Amendment 196**  
**László Trócsányi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 71 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

If no such request is received by the expiry of the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President shall inform Parliament that this is the case. If a request is made, the President may, immediately prior to the vote, give the floor to one speaker *in favour of* the committee's decision to enter into negotiations *and to one speaker against that decision*. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than *two minutes*.

*Amendment*

If no such request is received by the expiry of the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President shall inform Parliament that this is the case. If a request is made, the President may, immediately prior to the vote, give the floor to one speaker *from each political group and non-attached Members to speak on* the committee's decision to enter into negotiations. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than *one minute*.

Or. en

**Amendment 197**  
**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 71 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

If no such request is received by the expiry of the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President shall inform Parliament that this is the case. If a request is made, the President may, *immediately* prior to the *vote*, give the floor to one speaker *in favour of* the committee's

*Amendment*

If no such request is received by the expiry of the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph, the President shall inform Parliament that this is the case. If a request is made, the President may, prior to the *voting session*, give the floor to one speaker *from each political group to speak*

decision to enter into negotiations **and to one speaker against that decision**. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than **two minutes**.

**on** the committee's decision to enter into negotiations. Each speaker may make a statement lasting no more than **one minute**.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Technical AM: this new provision should apply prior to the voting session*

**Amendment 198**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 71 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. ***Negotiations may start at any time after the deadline laid down in the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 has expired without a request for a vote in Parliament on the decision to enter into negotiations having been made. If such a request has been made,*** negotiations may start at any time after the committee decision to enter into negotiations has been approved in Parliament.

*Amendment*

4. Negotiations may start at any time after the committee decision to enter into negotiations has been approved in Parliament.

Or. en

**Amendment 199**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 74 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. Parliament's negotiating team shall be led by the rapporteur and shall be ***presided over*** by the Chair of the committee responsible or by a Vice-Chair

*Amendment*

1. Parliament's negotiating team shall be led by the rapporteur and shall be ***procedurally chaired*** by the Chair of the committee responsible or by a Vice-Chair

designated by the Chair. *It shall at least* consist of the shadow *rapporteurs* from each political group that wishes to participate.

designated by the Chair, *who may not be a shadow rapporteur for the report concerned. If neither the Chair nor a Vice-Chair can attend a specific negotiation meeting with the Council and the Commission (“trilogue”), the negotiating team shall be presided over by the rapporteur at that trilogue.*

*Without prejudice to Rules 56a and 57, the negotiating team shall consist of the shadow rapporteur from each political group that wishes to participate. If a shadow rapporteur is unable to attend a specific trilogue, his or her political group may appoint another Member to replace the shadow rapporteur. At the latest at the beginning of the specific trilogue, the Member replacing the shadow rapporteur shall submit a declaration, indicating that he or she is not aware of having a conflict of interest in relation to, respectively, the report and the negotiations in question.*

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Clarifies that the Committee Chair shall "procedurally chair" a specific trilogue, that the chairing Member shall not be a shadow rapporteur and that shadows do not need to be present, but can be replaced by a Member also declaring the absence of a conflict of interest.*

#### **Amendment 200** **Sandro Gozi**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure** **Rule 74 – paragraph 1**

##### *Present text*

1. Parliament's negotiating team shall be led by the rapporteur and shall be presided over by the Chair of the committee responsible or by a Vice-Chair designated by the Chair. *It shall at least* consist of the shadow *rapporteurs* from each political group *that wishes to*

##### *Amendment*

1. Parliament's negotiating team shall be led by the rapporteur and shall be presided over by the Chair of the committee responsible or by a Vice-Chair designated by the Chair. *If neither the Chair nor a Vice-Chair can attend a specific negotiation meeting with the Council and the Commission (“trilogue”),*

*participate.*

*the Chair shall inform the President that the negotiating team will be presided over by the rapporteur at that trilogue. Without prejudice to Rule 56a, the negotiating team shall consist of the shadow rapporteur from each political group. If a shadow rapporteur is unable to attend a specific trilogue, his or her political group may appoint another Member to replace the shadow rapporteur.*

Or. en

**Amendment 201**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 113 – paragraph 1 – indent 3**

*Present text*

– if the delegated act or draft implementing act or measure falls mainly within the exclusive competence of the associated committee, the committee responsible shall accept its proposals without a vote; *if the committee responsible fails to respect this rule, the President may authorise the associated committee to table a motion for a resolution in plenary.*

*Amendment*

– if the delegated act or draft implementing act or measure falls mainly within the exclusive competence of the associated committee, the committee responsible shall accept its proposals without a vote.

Or. en

*Justification*

*We propose to maintain Rule 113(1) with slight changes in line with our proposal to keep parts of rule 57.*

**Amendment 202**  
**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 118 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. The committee responsible may draw up draft recommendations for the Council, for the Commission or for the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on subjects under Title V of the Treaty on European Union (the Union's external action), or in cases where an international agreement falling within the scope of Rule 114 has not been referred to Parliament or Parliament has not been informed thereof under Rule 115.

*Amendment*

1. ***In accordance with Rule 54***, the committee responsible may draw up draft recommendations for the Council, for the Commission or for the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on subjects under Title V of the Treaty on European Union (the Union's external action), or in cases where an international agreement falling within the scope of Rule 114 has not been referred to Parliament or Parliament has not been informed thereof under Rule 115.

Or. en

**Amendment 203**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 118 – paragraph 6**

*Present text*

6. Recommendations shall be deemed to have been adopted unless, before the beginning of the part-session, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold submit a written objection. Where such an objection is submitted, the committee's draft recommendations shall be included on the agenda of the same part-session. Such recommendations ***shall*** be the subject of a debate, and any amendment tabled by a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold shall be put to the vote.

*Amendment*

6. Recommendations shall be deemed to have been adopted unless, before the beginning of the part-session, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold submit a written objection. Where such an objection is submitted, the committee's draft recommendations shall be included on the agenda of the same part-session. Such recommendations ***may*** be the subject of a debate, and any amendment tabled by a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold shall be put to the vote.

Or. en

**Amendment 204**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 133 – title**

*Present text*

*Statements explaining* Commission decisions

*Amendment*

*Scrutiny debates on* Commission decisions

Or. en

**Amendment 205**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 133 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

The President shall invite the President of the Commission, the Commissioner responsible for relations with the European Parliament or, by agreement, another Commissioner, to make *a* statement to Parliament, ***after each meeting of the Commission, explaining the main decisions taken, unless, for timetabling reasons or because of the relative political relevance of the subject-matter,*** the Conference of Presidents decides that this is not necessary. The statement shall be followed by a debate ***of at least 30 minutes in which Members may put brief and concise questions.***

*Amendment*

***After each meeting of the Commission, the Parliament may hold a debate scrutinising the main decisions taken at those meetings. Depending on the political relevance, in particular as regards legislative proposals presented, decisions may be discussed either separately or jointly per subject matter.***

The President shall invite the President of the Commission, the Commissioner responsible for relations with the European Parliament or, by agreement, another Commissioner, to make ***an explanatory*** statement to Parliament, unless the Conference of Presidents decides that this is not necessary. The statement shall be followed by a debate, ***even in the event of a negative answer to the invitation.***

Or. en



**Amendment 206**  
**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 133 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 133a**

*Statements explaining the use of Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union as a legal basis*

*1. When the Commission plans to adopt a proposal for a legal act based on Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the President shall invite the President of the Commission to make a statement to Parliament explaining the reasons for the choice of that legal basis, as well as outlining the main objectives and elements of the proposal. The statement shall be included in the draft agenda of the first part-session following the adoption of the proposal by the Commission, unless the Conference of Presidents decides otherwise. The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether the statement is to be followed by a debate. Rule 132(2) to (8) concerning the tabling and voting of motions for resolutions shall apply mutatis mutandis.*

*When such statement is not placed on the agenda of the first part-session following the adoption of the proposal mentioned in the first subparagraph, the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall invite the Commissioner responsible to provide the information referred to above at one of its forthcoming meetings.*

*2. The President shall refer the proposal to the committee responsible for legal affairs for verification of the legal basis. If that committee decides to question the validity, or the appropriateness, of the*

*legal basis, it shall report its conclusions to Parliament, if necessary orally. Rule 149(3) to (5) shall apply.*

*3. When a proposal for a legal act based on Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union has potential appreciable implications for the Union budget, Parliament shall request that the procedure of budgetary scrutiny provided for in the joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission<sup>27a</sup> be initiated.*

*Parliament's delegation to the Joint Committee provided for in the joint declaration referred to in the first subparagraph shall be made up of one member of its committee responsible for budgetary issues from each political group and one member from any committee responsible for the subject-matter.*

*4. At the earliest three months after the entry into force of the legal act based on Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and at appropriate intervals thereafter, the President shall invite the Commissioner responsible to make a statement to Parliament reporting on the implementation of the legal act concerned and on the necessity to maintain its provisions in light of the requirements of the Treaties. The procedure set forth in paragraph 1 shall apply mutatis mutandis.*

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<sup>27a</sup> OJ C 444 I, 22.12.2020, p. 5.

Or. en

**Amendment 207**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 133 a (new)**

**Rule 133a**

***Statements explaining the use of Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union as a legal basis***

***1. When the Commission plans to adopt a proposal for a legal act based on Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the President shall invite the President of the Commission to make a statement to Parliament explaining the reasons for the choice of that legal basis, as well as outlining the main objectives and elements of the proposal.***

***The statement shall be made prior to the formal adoption of the proposal by the Commission. Failing that, it shall be included in the draft agenda of the first part-session following the adoption of the proposal by the Commission unless, for timetabling reasons or because of the relative political relevance of the subject-matter, the Conference of Presidents decides otherwise. The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether the statement is to be followed by a full debate or by a period of brief and concise questions from Members lasting 30 minutes. Rule 132(2) to (8) concerning the tabling and voting of motions for resolutions shall apply mutatis mutandis.***

***When such statement is not placed on the agenda of the first part-session following the adoption of the proposal mentioned in the second subparagraph, the committee responsible for the subject-matter shall invite the Commissioner responsible to provide the information referred to above at one of its forthcoming meetings.***

***2. The President shall refer the proposal to the committee responsible for verification of the legal basis. If that committee decides to question the validity, or the appropriateness, of the legal basis, it shall report its conclusions to***

*Parliament, if necessary orally. Rule 149(3) to (5) shall apply.*

*3. When a proposal for a legal act based on Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union has potential appreciable implications for the Union budget, Parliament shall request that the procedure of budgetary scrutiny provided for in the joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission<sup>27a</sup> be initiated.*

*Parliament's delegation to the Joint Committee provided for in the joint declaration referred to in the first subparagraph shall be made up of one member of its committee responsible for budgetary issues from each political group and one member from any committee responsible for the subject-matter.*

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<sup>27a</sup> OJ C 444 I, 22.12.2020, p. 5.

Or. en

**Amendment 208**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule -136 (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule -136***

***Ad hoc special scrutiny hearings***

***1. In order to question one or more Commissioners, or any other relevant person, on an issue of major political importance, the Conference of Presidents may, upon a proposal by the President, by a committee or by Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold, convene at short***

*notice an ad hoc special scrutiny hearing.*

*2. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the number of Members to be appointed for a given ad hoc special scrutiny hearing by the political groups and the non-attached Members. Where relevant, political groups shall ensure that the committees concerned are duly represented.*

*3. An ad hoc special scrutiny hearing shall be chaired by the President or, by delegation, by one of the Vice-Presidents. It shall be entirely public unless decided otherwise by the Conference of Presidents.*

*4. The speaking time allocated to a political group shall be treated as a block. Each political group shall distribute the speaking time within its block between those of its members who are participating in the hearing. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block.*

*5. Following the conclusion of the ad hoc special scrutiny hearing, its chair may submit to the Conference of Presidents written recommendations on behalf of Members who participated at the hearing.*

*6. The ad hoc special scrutiny hearing has the right to summon witnesses as well as to request documents.*

*Refusal or failure to comply with the summons or request for documents may be announced in Parliament by the President and published on the website of Parliament.*

*The President, in consultation with the Conference of Presidents, shall decide on whether to apply sanctions, which may include the withdrawal of access to Parliament.*

Or. en

**Amendment 209**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule -136 (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule -136**

***Ad hoc special scrutiny hearings***

- 1. In order to question one or more Commissioners, or any other relevant person, on an issue of political importance, the Conference of Presidents may, upon a proposal by the President, by a committee, or a political group, or by Members reaching at least the medium threshold, convene at short notice an ad hoc special scrutiny hearing.***
- 2. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the number of Members to be appointed for a given ad hoc special scrutiny hearing by the political groups and the non-attached Members. Where relevant, political groups shall ensure that the committees concerned are duly represented.***
- 3. An ad hoc special scrutiny hearing shall be chaired by the President or, by delegation, by one of the Vice-Presidents. It shall be entirely public unless decided otherwise by the Conference of Presidents.***
- 4. Time shall be allocated for questions and answers to a political group as a block. Each political group shall make free use of that time, without moderation by the Chair. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block.***
- 5. Following the conclusion of the ad hoc special scrutiny hearing, its Chair may submit to the Conference of Presidents written recommendations on behalf of Members who participated at the hearing.***

*Justification*

*Clarifies that groups shall be making free use of their allocated time, including questions and answers, within the new system.*

**Amendment 210**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 136 – title**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Questions for oral answer with debate***

***Question Time***

*Justification*

*Merger of Rules 136 and 137.*

**Amendment 211**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 136 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

Questions to the Council, to the Commission or to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy may be put by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold, accompanied with a request that they be placed on the agenda of Parliament.

Questions ***for oral answer*** to the Council, to the Commission or to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy may be put by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold, accompanied with a request that they be placed on the agenda of Parliament.

**Amendment 212**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 136 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

Such questions shall be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall immediately refer *them* to the *Conference of Presidents*.

*Amendment*

Such questions shall be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall immediately refer *admissible questions* to the *addressee*.

Or. en

**Amendment 213  
Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 136 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3**

*Present text*

*The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether or not to place those questions on the draft agenda in accordance with Rule 157. Questions not placed on Parliament's draft agenda within three months of being submitted shall lapse.*

*Amendment*

*Issues concerning the admissibility of a question shall be decided by the President. The questioner shall be notified of the President's reasoned decision.*

Or. en

**Amendment 214  
Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 136 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. *Questions to the Commission and to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall be referred to the addressee at least one week before the sitting* on the

*Amendment*

2. *Two weeks after being referred to the addressee, questions shall be placed on the agenda for the next part-session. No more than two questions presented by the same questioners can be placed on the agenda of the same sitting.*



agenda of *which they are to appear and questions to the Council at least three weeks before that date.*

Or. en

#### Amendment 215

Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

#### Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 136 – paragraph 3 a (new)

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**3a. At each part-session, a Question Time of sixty minutes shall be devoted to answering questions. Once time has elapsed, the President shall postpone unanswered questions until the next part-session.**

Or. en

#### Amendment 216

Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

#### Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 136 – paragraph 4

*Present text*

*Amendment*

4. A Member designated in advance by the questioners shall move the question in Parliament. If that Member is not present, the question shall lapse. The addressee shall answer.

4. A Member designated in advance by the questioners shall **be given two minutes to** move the question in Parliament. If that Member is not present, the question shall lapse. The addressee shall **be given five minutes to** answer. **The questioner shall be given one minute to reply after the addressee's answer to each question, with the aim of declaring whether or not he or she considers the answer to be sufficient and satisfactory.**

Or. en

**Amendment 217**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 136 – paragraph 5**

*Present text*

5. *Rule 132(2) to (8) concerning the tabling and voting of motions for resolutions shall apply mutatis mutandis.*

*Amendment*

5. *Such questions, as well as the related answers, shall be published on Parliament's website.*

Or. en

**Amendment 218**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule -136 (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule -136**

***Special scrutiny hearings***

***1. In order to question one or more Commissioners, or any other relevant person, on an issue of major political importance, the Conference of Presidents may, upon a proposal by the President, by a committee or by Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold, convene at short notice special scrutiny hearing.***

***2. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the number of Members to be appointed for a given special scrutiny hearing by the political groups and the non-attached Members. Where relevant, political groups shall ensure that the committees concerned are duly represented.***

***3. Special scrutiny hearing shall be chaired by the President or, by delegation, by one of the Vice-Presidents. It shall be***

*entirely public unless decided otherwise by the Conference of Presidents.*

*4. The speaking time allocated to a political group shall be treated as a block. Each political group shall distribute the speaking time within its block between those of its members who are participating in the hearing. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block.*

*5. Following the conclusion of the special scrutiny hearing, its Chair may submit to the Conference of Presidents written recommendations on behalf of Members who participated at the hearing.*

*6. The formal summons for a witness to attend a special scrutiny hearing to give evidence, as well as any requests for documents shall be made by the President.*

*Witnesses called on to give evidence shall be obliged to attend. Formal note shall be taken of any refusal or failure to comply with the summons or request for documents.*

*The President may announce, in full or in part, the points of which formal note has been taken and arrange for the announcement to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.*

*In addition, after consulting the Conference of Presidents, the President shall decide on whether to apply sanctions which may, inter alia, include the withdrawal of access rights to the European Parliament's premises and a request from the Parliament to revoke registration in the transparency register established by means of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register.*

*If the failure to attend or provide requested documents relates to any Union official, institution or other body, the Conference of Presidents may invite the President or Director of the relevant institution or body to attend one of its*

*meetings to explain its refusal.*

*The Chair of the hearing may decide to hear witnesses under the following oath: 'I swear that I have spoken the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'. Witnesses, if they so wish, may add a complementary religious formula to the oath. However, no one shall be obliged to testify under oath. Formal note shall be taken of every case where a witness declines to testify under oath.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Note: This amendment is inserted in Title V, Chapter 3, before Rule 136.*

**Amendment 219**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule -136 (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule -136***

***Ad hoc special scrutiny hearings***

***1. In order to question one or more Commissioners, or any other relevant person, on an issue of major political importance, the Conference of Presidents may, upon a proposal by the President, by a committee or by Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the high threshold, convene at short notice an ad hoc special scrutiny hearing.***

***2. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the number of Members to be appointed for a given ad hoc special scrutiny hearing by the political groups and the non-attached Members. Where relevant, political groups shall ensure that the committees concerned are duly***

*represented.*

*3. An ad hoc special scrutiny hearing shall be chaired by the President or, by delegation, by one of the Vice-Presidents. It shall be entirely public unless decided otherwise by the Conference of Presidents.*

*4. The speaking time allocated to a political group shall be treated as a block. Each political group shall distribute the speaking time within its block between those of its members who are participating in the hearing. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block.*

*5. Following the conclusion of the ad hoc special scrutiny hearing, its Chair may submit to the Conference of Presidents written recommendations on behalf of Members who participated at the hearing.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*In order to set up an ad hoc special scrutiny hearings the high threshold should be required.*

**Amendment 220**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule - 136 (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule -136***

***Special scrutiny hearings***

***1. In order to question one or more Commissioners, or any other relevant person, on an issue of major political importance, the Conference of Presidents may, upon a proposal by the President, by a committee or by Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold, convene at short***

*notice a special scrutiny hearing.*

*2. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the number of Members to be appointed for a given special scrutiny hearing by the political groups and the non-attached Members. Where relevant, political groups shall ensure that the committees concerned are duly represented.*

*3. A special scrutiny hearing shall be chaired by the President or, by delegation, by one of the Vice-Presidents. It shall be entirely public unless decided otherwise by the Conference of Presidents.*

*4. The speaking time allocated to a political group shall be treated as a block. Each political group shall distribute the speaking time within its block between those of its members who are participating in the hearing. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block. .*

*5. Following the conclusion of the special scrutiny hearing, its Chair may submit to the Conference of Presidents written recommendations on behalf of Members who participated at the hearing.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*This amendment shall be added to Parliament's Rules of Procedure as the first article of Chapter III*

**Amendment 221**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 137**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 137**

**deleted**

**Question Time**

***1. Question Time with Commissioners may be held at each part-session for a duration of up to about 90 minutes on one or more themes to be decided upon by the Conference of Presidents in advance, and at the latest on the Thursday before the relevant part-session.***

***2. The Commissioners invited to participate by the Conference of Presidents shall have a portfolio related to the theme or themes on which questions are to be put to them. The number of Commissioners to be invited shall be limited to two per part-session. However, it shall be possible to invite a third Commissioner, depending on the theme or themes chosen for the Question Time.***

***3. Question Time may also be held, under the terms laid down in paragraph 1, with the President of the European Council, with the Presidency of the Council, with the President of the Commission, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the Eurogroup.***

***4. Question time shall not be specifically allocated in advance. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that Members that hold different political views and that come from different Member States are given the opportunity to put a question in turn.***

***5. The Member shall be given one minute in which to formulate the question and the person being questioned two minutes in which to reply. That Member may put a supplementary question, lasting no longer than 30 seconds and having a direct bearing on the main question. The person being questioned shall then be given two minutes in which to give a supplementary reply.***

***6. Questions and supplementary questions must be directly related to the theme decided under paragraph 1. The President***

*may rule on their admissibility.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Merger of Rules 136 and 137.*

**Amendment 222**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 137 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. Question Time with Commissioners may be held at each part-session for a duration of up to about 90 minutes ***on one or more themes to be decided upon by*** the Conference of Presidents in advance, and at the latest on the Thursday before the relevant part-session.

*Amendment*

1. Question Time with ***one or more*** Commissioners may be held at each part-session for a duration of up to about 90 minutes. The Conference of Presidents ***may decide*** in advance ***on one or more themes***, and at the latest on the Thursday before the relevant part-session.

Or. en

**Amendment 223**

**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 137 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. Question Time may also be held, under the terms laid down in paragraph 1, with the President of the European Council, with the Presidency of the Council, with the President of the Commission, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the Eurogroup.

*Amendment*

3. Question Time may also be held, under the terms laid down in paragraph 1, with the President of the European Council, with the Presidency of the Council, with the President of the Commission, with the ***entire college of Commissioners or specific categories of Commissioners***, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the



Eurogroup *and other relevant representatives of Union institutions and bodies.*

Or. en

**Amendment 224**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 137 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. *Question time shall not be specifically allocated in advance. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that Members that hold different political views and that come from different Member States are given the opportunity to put a question in turn.*

*Amendment*

4. *Time shall be allocated for questions and answers to a political group as a block. Each political group shall make free use of that time, without moderation by the Chair. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Also make use of the new system if allocation of time to groups as a block for question time as proposed for ad hoc special scrutiny hearings.*

**Amendment 225**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 137 – paragraph 5**

*Present text*

5. *The Member shall be given one minute in which to formulate the question and the person being questioned two minutes in which to reply. That Member may put a supplementary question, lasting no longer than 30 seconds and having a*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

***direct bearing on the main question. The person being questioned shall then be given two minutes in which to give a supplementary reply.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Also make use of the new system if allocation of time to groups as a block for question time as proposed for ad hoc special scrutiny hearings.*

**Amendment 226  
Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 137 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 137a***

***Commission Control Session***

***Once per part-session, the President of the Commission and selected Commissioners shall be required to attend a Commission Control Session, lasting for 2 hours, to face questions from Members, with no pre-defined subject matter. This session will take place on Wednesdays of every part-session from 9 to 11 a.m.***

***For such sessions, Members shall not have pre-allocated seats and shall be encouraged by the President to sit at the front of the Hemicycle.***

***After a first round of questions from the Chairs of the political groups or their representatives, Members who wish to ask a question shall stand up briefly or raise the arm every time the next Member is about to be called to ask a question.***

Or. en

**Amendment 227**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 155 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 155a**

***Ad hoc part-sessions***

***For issues of major political importance, the Conference of Presidents may decide, on a proposal from a committee or from Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold, to hold ad hoc part-sessions without voting.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces the possibility to hold ad hoc plenary sessions. Could be added as Rule 155a (new).*

**Amendment 228**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 158 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. ***Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by*** a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such ***proposals*** must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. A committee, a political group, or Members reaching at least the low threshold ***may propose one amendment to the final draft agenda. Any Member may sign only one proposal.*** Any such ***amendment*** must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. ***When any such amendment proposes the addition of a new item, the committee, the political group or the Members proposing the***

*addition may indicate which item on the final draft agenda is to be replaced by the item to be added, or which item on the final draft agenda is to be shortened, or where in the draft agenda an additional timeslot shall be added.* The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Maintains the low threshold, clarifies that one Member can only sign one proposal and gives voluntary options for specifying implementation of the proposal.*

### **Amendment 229**

**Sandro Gozi**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 158 – paragraph 1**

##### *Present text*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such *proposals* must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

##### *Amendment*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such *amendments* must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. ***Any such amendment shall be inadmissible if a similar amendment to the draft agenda was rejected by the Conference of Presidents.*** The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute. ***In order to be adopted, any such amendment shall require a majority of the votes cast.***

Or. en

## Amendment 230

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

### Parliament's Rules of Procedure

#### Rule 158 – paragraph 1

##### *Present text*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such proposals must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

##### *Amendment*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such proposals must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute. ***In order to be adopted, any such amendment shall require the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament.***

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*To amend the final part-session draft agenda the same majority than in the CoP should apply.*

## Amendment 231

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of The Left Group

### Parliament's Rules of Procedure

#### Rule 158 – paragraph 1

##### *Present text*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda ***may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold.*** Any such ***proposals*** must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The

##### *Amendment*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. ***Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the medium threshold may propose*** amendments to the final draft agenda. ***Such amendments shall generally be in response to events or new political developments which arose after***

President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

***the adoption of the final draft agenda.***

Any such ***amendments*** must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

Or. en

### **Amendment 232**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 158 – paragraph 1**

##### *Present text*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. ***Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by*** a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the ***low*** threshold. Any such ***proposals*** must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

##### *Amendment*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. A committee, or Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the ***medium*** threshold ***may propose one amendment to the final draft agenda in response to events or new political developments which arose after the adoption of the final draft agenda.*** Any such ***amendments*** must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Option 1 cannot be supported. A majority of component Members would be extremely tough to achieve. Option 2, which proposes only one change per political group, but with deletion of the 1-in 1-out principle, is preferred.*

### **Amendment 233**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 158 – paragraph 1**

*Present text*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such **proposals** must be received by the President at least **one hour** before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

*Amendment*

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall adopt its agenda. Amendments to the final draft agenda may be proposed by a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold. Any such **amendments** must be received by the President at least **two hours** before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover and to one speaker against, and in each case for not more than one minute.

Or. en

**Amendment 234**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 158 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Where several amendments on the same or similar subjects are tabled to the final draft agenda, the President shall put them to the vote in the chronological order in which they are received. The movers may submit a joint amendment to the President, at least thirty minutes before the opening of the part-session. The joint amendment shall be put to the vote first. Amendments covered by the joint amendment shall fall.***

Or. en

**Amendment 235**  
**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 160 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 160a**

***Debates on specific matters of interest to  
the European Union - Parliament's  
statement***

- 1. Parliament may place debates on specific matters of interest to the European Union on the agenda, in accordance with Rules 157 and 158.***
- 2. Rule 132(2) to (8) concerning the tabling and voting of motions for resolutions shall apply mutatis mutandis.***

Or. en

**Amendment 236  
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 163 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***5a. If requested by the President, a committee, a political group, or Members reaching the low threshold, Parliament may exceptionally decide to take the urgent decision on the proposal without a report or on the basis of an oral report by the Committee responsible. In such cases, if interinstitutional negotiations take place, Rules 70 and 71 shall not apply and Rule 74 shall apply mutatis mutandis.***

Or. en

**Amendment 237  
Sven Simon  
on behalf of the PPE Group**



**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 167 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. At committee and delegation meetings away from the usual places of work, interpretation shall be provided from and into the languages of those members who have confirmed that they will attend the meeting. These arrangements may exceptionally be made more flexible. The Bureau shall adopt the necessary provisions.

*Amendment*

4. At committee and delegation meetings away from the usual places of work, interpretation shall be provided from and into the languages of those members who have confirmed that they will attend the meeting. These arrangements ***shall be determined on the basis of the Code of Conduct on multilingualism and*** may exceptionally be made more flexible. The Bureau shall adopt the necessary provisions.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The word “missions” is too broad.*

**Amendment 238**  
**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 171 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1a. For the purposes of calculating the overall speaking time, where the Rules of Procedure do not stipulate the duration of a debate, the minimum duration of a debate shall be sixty minutes. The duration of each sitting shall be adjusted accordingly.***

Or. en

**Amendment 239**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 171 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

*Present text*

Speakers whose interventions are foreseen on the list of speakers shall speak from the central rostrum. Speakers with disabilities may speak from their places if they prefer.

*Amendment*

Speakers whose interventions are foreseen on the list of speakers shall speak from the central rostrum, ***unless the President decides otherwise on an individual basis.*** Speakers with disabilities may speak from their places if they prefer.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces the possibility for the President to decide otherwise, only on an individual basis.*

**Amendment 240**  
**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 171 – paragraph 4**

*Present text*

4. The President may draw up, for the first part of a particular debate, a list of speakers that includes one or more rounds of speakers from each political group wishing to speak, in the order of the relative size of those political groups.

*Amendment*

4. The President may draw up, for the first part of a particular debate, a list of speakers that includes one or more rounds of speakers from each political group wishing to speak, in the order of the relative size of those political groups. ***Speaking time shall be allocated to political groups in proportion to the total number of their members. Speaking time for key debates shall be at least two minutes per speaker.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces a minimum speaking time of two minutes for key debates.*

**Amendment 241**

László Trócsányi

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 171 – paragraph 5 – point c**

*Present text*

(c) the non-attached Members shall be allocated an overall speaking time based on the fractions allocated to each political group under points (a) and (b);

*Amendment*

(c) the non-attached Members shall be allocated an overall speaking time based on the fractions allocated to each political group under points (a) and (b), ***in proportion to the total number of non-attached Members;***

Or. en

**Amendment 242  
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 171 – paragraph 7**

*Present text*

7. The remaining part of the time for a debate shall not be specifically allocated in advance. Instead, the President may call on Members to speak, as a general rule for no more than one minute. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that speakers ***who hold different political views and who come from different Member States are heard in turn.***

*Amendment*

7. The remaining part of the time for a debate shall not be specifically allocated in advance. Instead, the President may call on Members to speak, as a general rule for no more than one minute. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that ***such speaking time is allocated to speakers from political groups in proportion to the total number of their members. That remaining part of the time for a debate shall constitute [40%] of the time for key debates and for any other specific debates decided by the Conference of Presidents.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Proposal to merge 80 & 81*

**Amendment 243**

**Damian Boeselager**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 171 – paragraph 7**

*Present text*

7. The remaining part of the time for a debate shall not be specifically allocated in advance. Instead, the President may call on Members to speak, as a general rule for no more than one minute. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that speakers who hold different political views and who come from different Member States are heard in turn.

*Amendment*

7. The remaining part of the time for a debate shall not be specifically allocated in advance. Instead, the President may call on Members to speak, as a general rule for no more than one minute. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that speakers who hold different political views and who come from different Member States are heard in turn. ***That remaining part of the time for a debate shall constitute 40% of the time for key debates and 20% of the time of all other debates.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Adds that catch-the-eye shall constitute 40% of the remaining part for key debates and 20% of all other debates.*

**Amendment 244**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 171 – paragraph 7**

*Present text*

7. The remaining part of the time for a debate shall not be specifically allocated in advance. Instead, the President may call on Members to speak, as a general rule for no more than one minute. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that speakers who hold different political views and who come from different Member States are heard in turn.

*Amendment*

7. The remaining part of the time for a debate shall not be specifically allocated in advance. Instead, the President may call on Members to speak, as a general rule for no more than one minute. The President shall, as far as possible, ensure that speakers who hold different political views and who come from different Member States are heard in turn. ***That remaining part of the time for a debate may be defined by the***

**Amendment 245**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 171 – paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***8a. In order to uphold the guiding principles laid down in Article 1 of Annex I, in particular the requirement for Members to show respect for Parliament's dignity and reputation, Members shall endeavour to be present for the whole of the particular debate in which they are scheduled to speak or in which they wish to speak. The President shall have the discretion to not call to speak those Members who do not comply with the spirit of this paragraph.***

Or. en

**Amendment 246**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 178 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***3a. Debates may be held whatever the number of Members present in the Chamber.***

Or. en

**Amendment 247**

**Gerolf Annemans, Antonio Maria Rinaldi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 178 – paragraph 5**

*Present text*

5. If fewer than 38 Members are present, the President *may* rule that there is no quorum.

*Amendment*

5. If fewer than 38 Members are present, the President *shall* rule that there is no quorum. ***Paragraphs 3 and 3a shall apply mutatis mutandis.***

Or. en

**Amendment 248**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 207 – title**

*Present text*

***Special*** committees

*Amendment*

***Study*** committees

*(Amendment applies throughout: replace the words “special committee” throughout the Rules of Procedure by the words “study committee”.)*

Or. en

*Justification*

*This would better reflect the actual nature of "special" committees, and also make them less attractive to set up.*

**Amendment 249**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 207 – paragraph -1 (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***-1. Members reaching at least the low***

*threshold or a political group may, at any time, request the Conference of Presidents to propose to Parliament the setting up of a special committee.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 250**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

##### **Rule 207 – paragraph 1**

###### *Present text*

1. *On a proposal from the Conference of Presidents, Parliament* may, at any time, set up special *committees*, the responsibilities, numerical strength and term of office of which shall be defined at the same time as the decision to set *them* up is taken.

###### *Amendment*

1. *Members or a political group or groups reaching at least the high threshold* may, at any time, *propose to Parliament the setting up of a special committee. On the basis of that proposal, Parliament may* set up *the* special *committee*, the responsibilities, numerical strength and term of office of which shall be defined at the same time as the decision to set *it* up is taken.

Or. en

###### *Justification*

*Adds that the high threshold of Members can propose the setting up of a special committee directly to plenary without the involvement of the Conference of Presidents.*

#### **Amendment 251**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

##### **Rule 207 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

###### *Present text*

###### *Amendment*

*1a. Before taking a decision on such a request, the Conference of Presidents may*

*if a majority so required, seek a recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The recommendation of the CCC should not be automatic for establishing special committees.*

**Amendment 252**

**Damian Boeselager**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 207 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***1a. The procedure laid down in paragraph 1 shall also apply for setting up committees of inquiry, with the threshold set out in Rule 208(1).***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Adds that one quarter of its component Members can propose the setting up of a committee of inquiry directly to plenary without the involvement of the Conference of Presidents.*

**Amendment 253**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 207 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 207 a***

***Ad-hoc temporary committees with legislative competences***

***1. When it results from the procedure in Rule 48 that a matter falls within the***



*competence of more than three committees, without the competence of any committee prevailing, the Conference of Presidents may, on the basis of a recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs, propose to Parliament the setting up of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences to deal with a specific proposal for a legally binding act or a pre-legislative strategic document. Setting up an ad-hoc temporary committee shall be an exceptional measure, as a last resort. The recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs shall indicate the committees responsible for scrutiny of the implementation of the legislation.*

*2. The numerical strength of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall be decided by Parliament, based on a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. Its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the legally binding act, without prejudice to the need for scrutiny activities. In the case of a pre-legislative strategic document, its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the report in plenary.*

*Members of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall be appointed by the political groups and the non-attached Members, drawing from the members of the committees involved. The ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs and appoint one or more rapporteurs.*

*3. Other committees shall not be authorised to deliver opinions pursuant to Rule 56.*

*4. Ad-hoc temporary committees with legislative competences shall not have the right to deliver opinions to other committees.*

**Amendment 254**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 207 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 207a***

***Special legislative committees***

***1. When it results from the procedure in Rule 48 that a matter falls indissociably within the competence of four or more committees, the Conference of Presidents may, as a last resort and on the basis of a recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs, propose to Parliament the setting up of a special legislative committee to deal with a specific proposal for a legally binding act or a pre-legislative strategic document. The recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs shall indicate the committees responsible for scrutiny of the implementation of the legislation.***

***2. The numerical strength of a special legislative committee shall be decided by Parliament, based on a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. Its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the legally binding act, without prejudice to the need for scrutiny activities. In the case of a pre-legislative strategic document, its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the report in plenary.***

***Members of a special legislative committee shall be appointed by the political groups and the non-attached Members, drawing from the members of the committees involved. The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether one or***

*more rapporteurs are to be appointed at the same time that the proposal is taken to set up the committee.*

*3. Other committees shall not be authorised to deliver opinions pursuant to Rule 56.*

*4. Special legislative committees shall not have the right to deliver opinions to other committees.*

*5. This Rule shall cease to apply on 31 December 2026. Any subsequent continuation or amendments shall be subject to an assessment of its application and new proposals in accordance with Rule 237.*

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The previous wording on "falls indissociably" is preferred for clarity. Also it would be clearer to say "four or more" rather than "more than three" and make it clear, as agreed by the CoP that the use of an ad-hoc legislative committee is as a last resort. Additionally, the possibility of a test phase, or sunset clause was discussed during the Parliament 2024 WG deliberations, and it is proposed to give effect to this by requiring an assessment and new proposals by the mid-term of the next mandate. This is a necessary safeguard to ensure that the rules is indeed only used sparingly and as a last resort.*

#### **Amendment 255**

**Sandro Gozi**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 207 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

#### ***Rule 207a***

***Ad-hoc temporary committees with legislative competences***

***1. When it results from the procedure in Rule 48 that a matter falls within the competence of more than two committees, without the competence of any committee prevailing, the Conference of Presidents may, on the basis of a recommendation by***

*the Conference of Committee Chairs, propose to Parliament the setting up of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences to deal with specific proposals for a legally binding act or a pre-legislative strategic document. The recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs shall indicate the committees responsible for scrutiny of the implementation of the legislation.*

*2. The numerical strength of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall be decided by Parliament, based on a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. Its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of a legally binding act, without prejudice to the need for scrutiny activities. In the case of a pre-legislative strategic document, its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the report in plenary. Members of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall be appointed by the political groups and the non-attached Members, drawing from the members and substitute members of the committees involved. The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether one or more rapporteurs are to be appointed at the same time that the proposal is taken to set up the committee.*

*3. Other committees shall not be authorised to deliver opinions pursuant to Rule 56.*

*4. Ad-hoc temporary committees with legislative competences shall not have the right to deliver opinions to other committees.*

Or. en

Amendment 256  
Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 207 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 207a***

***Ad-hoc temporary committees with legislative competences***

***1. When it results from the procedure in Rule 48 that a matter falls within the competence of more than three committees, without the competence of any committee prevailing, the Conference of Presidents may, on the basis of a recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs, propose to Parliament the setting up of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences to deal with a specific proposal for a legally binding act or a pre-legislative strategic document. The recommendation by the Conference of Committee Chairs shall indicate the committees responsible for scrutiny of the implementation of the legislation.***

***2. The numerical strength of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall be decided by Parliament, based on a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. Its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the legally binding act, without prejudice to the need for scrutiny activities. In the case of a pre-legislative strategic document, its term of office shall run from the date of its constitutive meeting until the adoption of the report in plenary.***

***Members of an ad-hoc temporary committee with legislative competences shall be appointed by the political groups and the non-attached Members. The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether one or more rapporteurs are to be appointed at the same time that the***

*proposal is taken to set up the committee.*

**3. Other committees shall not be authorised to deliver opinions pursuant to Rule 56.**

**4. Ad-hoc temporary committees with legislative competences shall not have the right to deliver opinions to other committees.**

Or. en

*Justification*

*Deletion of the reference to “committees involved”, which would not be consistent with the purpose of this new rule.*

**Amendment 257**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament’s Rules of Procedure  
Rule 208 – paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***10a. The formal summons for a witness to attend a meeting of the committee of inquiry to give evidence, as well as any requests for documents, shall be made by the President, at the request of the Chair.***

***Witnesses called on to give evidence shall be obliged to attend.***

***Formal note shall be taken of any refusal or failure to comply with the summons or request for documents.***

***The President may announce, in full or in part, the points of which formal note has been taken and arrange for the announcement to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.***

***In addition, after consulting the Conference of Presidents, the President shall decide on whether to impose penalties which may, inter alia, include the withdrawal of access rights to the European Parliament’s premises and a***

*request from the Parliament to revoke registration in the transparency register established by means of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register.*

*If the failure to attend or provide requested documents relates to any Union official, institution or other body, the Conference of Presidents may invite the President or Director of the relevant institution or body to attend one of its meetings to explain its refusal.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 258**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 209 – paragraph 2**

#### *Present text*

2. The composition of the committees shall, as far as possible, reflect the composition of Parliament. The distribution of committee seats among political groups must be either the nearest whole number above or the nearest whole number below the proportional calculation.

Where there is no agreement among the political groups on their proportional weight within one or more specific

#### *Amendment*

2. The composition of the committees shall, as far as possible, reflect the composition of Parliament. The distribution of committee seats among political groups must be either the nearest whole number above or the nearest whole number below the proportional calculation. ***In the process of determining the composition of each committee, care must be taken to ensure the participation of the under-represented gender.***

***Political groups should strive for gender balance in their nominations to committees and as a minimum each political group shall put forward a list of nominations to ensure that the ratio between genders in each committee does not depart by more than 10% from the ratio between genders in Parliament.***

Where there is no agreement among the political groups on their proportional weight ***or gender representation*** within

committees, the Conference of Presidents shall decide.

one or more specific committees, the Conference of Presidents shall decide.

Or. en

**Amendment 259**  
**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 208 – paragraph 10 b (new) (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***10b. Committees of inquiry may, subject to approval by the Conference of Presidents,:***

***– conduct on-the-spot investigations;***

***– request documents;***

***– summon witnesses;***

***– hear officials and other servants of the Union or of Member States;***

***– request experts' reports.***

***- ask national judicial and other authorities for assistance in the course of its investigations. Those authorities shall give the necessary support to the committee of inquiry.***

***Where alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of Union law involve possible responsibility on the part of a body or authority of a Member State, the committee of inquiry may ask the parliament of the Member State concerned to cooperate in the investigation.***

***The committee may decide to hear witnesses under the following oath: 'I swear that I have spoken the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'. Witnesses, if they so wish, may add a complementary religious formula to the oath. However, no one shall be obliged to***



*testify under oath.*

*Formal note shall be taken of every case where a witness declines to testify under oath.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 260**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Rule 209 – paragraph 2**

##### *Present text*

2. The composition of the committees shall, as far as possible, reflect the composition of Parliament. The distribution of committee seats among political groups must be either the nearest whole number above or the nearest whole number below the proportional calculation.

##### *Amendment*

2. The composition of the committees shall, as far as possible, reflect the composition of Parliament. ***As regards the political representation,*** the distribution of committee seats among political groups must be either the nearest whole number above or the nearest whole number below the proportional calculation. ***As regards the gender representation, the political groups shall ensure that the ratio between genders in each committee shall not depart by more than 10% from the ratio between genders in Parliament.***

***Should the initial nominations from political groups and non-attached Members for membership of parliamentary committees result in an overall outcome which does not comply with the gender balance requirement, a procedure shall be launched to correct the gender imbalance.***

***For each parliamentary committee where such an imbalance occurs, the political group whose nominations deviate the most from its own group-wide internal gender balance, shall make a change among its nominated full members in that committee in order to reduce the imbalance.***

***Should a gender imbalance still persist,***

Where there is no agreement among the

political groups on their proportional weight within one or more specific committees, the Conference of Presidents shall decide.

*the political group with the next greatest deviation shall be required to make a change among its nominated full members of the committee in order to reduce the imbalance. This procedure shall continue until the gender balance in each committee is compliant with this Rule.* Where there is no agreement among the political groups on their proportional weight or *gender representation* within one or more specific committees, the Conference of Presidents shall decide.

Or. en

### **Amendment 261**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 222 – paragraph 1 – point a**

##### *Present text*

(a) shall task the committee responsible for the subject-matter according to Annex VI with organising the public hearing provided for in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/788; the committee responsible for petitions shall be automatically *associated* under Rule 57;

##### *Amendment*

(a) shall task the committee responsible for the subject-matter according to Annex VI with organising the public hearing provided for in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/788; the committee responsible for petitions shall be automatically *involved* under Rule 56 *and its governing principle of good and sincere cooperation*;

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Technical AM: ensuring consistency with the revised Rule 56*

### **Amendment 262**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 222 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

**Rule 222a**

***Obligation to appear before a committee or at a public hearing***

***All persons shall attend whenever invited by a committee to one of its meetings, including a public hearing or a meeting of a sub-committee.***

***In the case of serious or repeated failure to attend, the committee may formally signal its displeasure to the President and the Conference of Presidents, which shall at its next meeting consider the issue and determine any consequences, which may, inter alia, include the withdrawal of access rights to the European Parliament's premises, a request from the Parliament to revoke registration in the transparency register, or a formal statement declaring the person or organisation concerned to be purposefully evading parliamentary scrutiny.***

***If the failure to attend relates to any Union official, institution or other body, the Conference of Presidents may invite the President or Director of the relevant institution or body to attend one of its meetings to explain its refusal.***

Or. en

**Amendment 263**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 223 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. The bureaux of the delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the procedure laid down for the committee bureaux in Rule 213.

*Amendment*

3. The bureaux of the delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the procedure laid down for the committee bureaux in Rule 213. ***The political groups***

*shall endeavour to ensure that any Chair of a delegation shall be a member or substitute member of the committee responsible for foreign affairs, of the committee responsible for development, or of the committee responsible for international trade.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It would be too restrictive to limit to full Members, and it is understood that that is not the intention. This amendment clarifies that a substitute member of an external affairs committee can also be a delegation Chair, and also would allow for limited exemptions.*

**Amendment 264**  
**Sandro Gozi**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 223 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. The bureaux of the delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the procedure laid down for the committee bureaux in Rule 213.

*Amendment*

3. The bureaux of the delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the procedure laid down for the committee bureaux in Rule 213. *When nominating a Chair of a delegation, political groups may as well take into account membership of the committee responsible for foreign affairs, of the committee responsible for development, or of the committee responsible for international trade.*

Or. en

**Amendment 265**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 223 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. The bureaux of the delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the procedure laid down for the committee bureaux in Rule 213.

*Amendment*

3. The bureaux of the delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the procedure laid down for the committee bureaux in Rule 213. *Any Chair of a delegation shall preferably be a member or substitute member of the committee responsible for foreign affairs, of the committee responsible for development, or of the committee responsible for international trade.*

Or. en

**Amendment 266**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 223 a (new)**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

***Rule 223a***

***Cooperation between committees and interparliamentary delegations***

***In line with their responsibilities as defined respectively in Annex VI and in Rule 223, committees and interparliamentary delegations shall strive for cooperation in the setting of their priorities and for coordination in the conduct of their respective activities. The Conference of Committee Chairs and the Conference of Delegation Chairs shall hold regular meetings to that end and systematically meet at the beginning of the parliamentary term and at mid-term in order to jointly establish a list of priority countries with whom to engage, based on upcoming legislative files and geopolitical or strategic priorities. They may hold additional joint exchanges of views on relations of the Union with selected critical or strategic partners, or on horizontal priority issues based on***

*geopolitical and other developments, in order to ensure optimal coordination on established priorities of the Union and hold regular meetings to this end.*

Or. en

**Amendment 267**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 237 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. In accordance with Article 232 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, amendments to these Rules shall be adopted only if they secure the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament.

*Amendment*

2. In accordance with Article 232 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, amendments to these Rules shall be adopted only if they secure the votes of a majority of the component Members of Parliament. *If, during the votes on amendments to these Rules, a split vote takes place pursuant to Rule 185, the text which was subject to the split vote shall be put to the vote as a whole, amended or otherwise, and shall be adopted only if it secures the majority of the component Members of Parliament.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The purpose is to avoid inconsistencies possibly due to split votes.*

**Amendment 268**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

2. The hearings shall be organised by the Conference of Presidents on a recommendation of the Conference of Committee Chairs. The Chair and coordinators of each committee shall be responsible for the detailed arrangements. ***Rapporteurs may be appointed.***

2. The ***confirmation*** hearings shall be organised by the Conference of Presidents ***based*** on a recommendation of the Conference of Committee Chairs, ***which shall specify the proposed allocation of responsibilities among committees.*** The Chair and coordinators of each committee shall be responsible for the detailed arrangements.

Or. en

### **Amendment 269**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

##### **Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 3 – introductory part**

###### *Present text*

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made to ***associate relevant*** committees ***where portfolios are mixed.*** There are ***three*** options:

###### *Amendment*

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made to ***allocate the responsibilities for a confirmation hearing to*** committees. There are ***two*** options:

Or. en

###### *Justification*

*Technical AM: the mentioning of “(joint committees)” shall be deleted for the sake of consistency. The revised Rule 58 on “joint committee procedure” does not apply to the confirmation hearings of Commissioners-designate.*

### **Amendment 270**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

##### **Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point a**

###### *Present text*

(a) if the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate falls within the

###### *Amendment*

(a) if the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate falls within the

*remit* of a single committee, the Commissioner-designate shall be heard by that committee alone (the committee responsible);

*responsibility* of a single committee *or of several committees but with the competence of one committee prevailing*, the Commissioner-designate shall be heard by that committee alone (the committee responsible); *other committees may be invited to participate in the confirmation hearing if the portfolio falls to a substantial extent within their remit*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 271**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point b**

*Present text*

(b) if the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate *falls more or less equally* within the *remit of more than one committee*, the Commissioner-designate shall be heard jointly by those committees (*joint committees*); *and*

*Amendment*

(b) if *significant parts of* the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate *fall* within the *responsibility of two or more committees without the competence of any of them prevailing*, the Commissioner-designate shall be heard jointly by those committees; *other committees may be invited to participate in the confirmation hearing if the portfolio falls to a substantial extent within their remit*.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 272**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point c**

*Present text*

(c) *if the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate falls mainly*

*Amendment*

*deleted*



*within the remit of one committee and only to a small extent within the remit of at least one other committee, the Commissioner-designate shall be heard by the committee mainly responsible, with the association of the other committee or committees (associated committees).*

Or. en

### **Amendment 273**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

#### **Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Present text*

The committees shall submit written questions to the Commissioners-designate in good time before the hearings. For each Commissioner-designate there shall be two common questions drafted by the Conference of Committee Chairs, the first **relating** to the issues of general competence, European commitment and personal independence, and the second **relating** to the management of the portfolio and cooperation with Parliament. The committee responsible shall submit five other questions; **sub-questions shall not be allowed**. In the case of **joint** committees, **they shall each be given** the right to submit three questions.

##### *Amendment*

The committees shall submit written questions to the Commissioners-designate in good time before the **confirmation** hearings. For each Commissioner-designate there shall be two common questions drafted by the Conference of Committee Chairs, the first **of which shall relate** to the issues of general competence, European commitment and personal independence, and the second **of which shall relate** to the management of the portfolio and cooperation with Parliament. The committee responsible shall submit five other questions. In the case **the Commissioner designate is heard jointly by two or more** committees, **each of them shall have** the right to submit three questions. **Each invited committee shall have the right to submit one question. Sub-questions shall not be allowed.**

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*Technical AM: the mentioning of “(joint committees)” shall be deleted for the sake of consistency. The revised Rule 58 on “joint committee procedure” does not apply to the confirmation hearings of Commissioners-designate.*

**Amendment 274**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2**

*Present text*

The curriculum vitae of the Commissioners-designate and their response to the written questions shall be published on Parliament's website in advance of the hearing.

*Amendment*

The curriculum vitae of the Commissioners-designate and their response to the written questions shall be published on Parliament's website in advance of the **confirmation** hearing.

Or. en

**Amendment 275**

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 6**

*Present text*

6. ***Each hearing shall be scheduled to last three hours.*** Hearings shall take place in circumstances, and under conditions, in which ***Commissioners-designate*** enjoy ***an equal and*** fair opportunity to present themselves and their opinions.

*Amendment*

6. ***Confirmation*** hearings shall take place in circumstances, and under conditions, in which ***Commissioners-designate*** enjoy ***a*** fair opportunity to present themselves and their opinions. ***In principle, confirmation hearings shall be scheduled to last for three hours. However, in the case of Commissioners-designate with particularly large or complex portfolios involving more than one committee, the Conference of Committee Chairs may recommend that the confirmation hearing be scheduled to last for up to four hours. The recommended length of the confirmation hearing shall take due account of the number of invited committees in order to allow each of their Chairs to put one question.***

*Justification*

*For truly broad portfolios, in particular for EVPs, it could be useful to have flexibility to go up to 4 hours, rather than the suggested three and a half.*

**Amendment 276**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 6**

*Present text*

6. ***Each hearing shall be scheduled to last three hours.*** Hearings shall take place in circumstances, and under conditions, in which Commissioners-designate enjoy an equal and fair opportunity to present themselves and their opinions.

*Amendment*

6. Hearings shall take place in circumstances, and under conditions, in which Commissioners-designate enjoy an equal and fair opportunity to present themselves and their opinions. ***In principle, confirmation hearings shall be scheduled for three hours. However, in the case of Commissioners-designate with particularly large or complex portfolios involving more than one committee, the Conference of Committee Chairs may recommend that the confirmation hearing be scheduled to last longer. The recommended length of the confirmation hearing shall take due account of the number of invited committees in order to allow each of their Chairs to put one question.***

**Amendment 277**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 7**

*Present text*

*Amendment*

7. Commissioners-designate shall be invited to make an opening oral statement *of* no longer than 15 minutes. ***Up to 25 questions, grouped together by theme whenever possible, shall be put during the course of the hearing. One follow up question may be asked immediately within the allocated time.*** The bulk of the speaking time shall be allotted to political groups, mutatis mutandis in accordance with Rule 171. The conduct of the hearings shall aim to develop a pluralistic political dialogue between the Commissioners-designate and the Members. Before the end of the hearing, the Commissioners-designate shall be given the opportunity to make a brief closing statement.

7. Commissioners-designate shall be invited to make an opening oral statement, ***which shall last*** no longer than 15 minutes. The bulk of the speaking time shall be allotted to political groups, mutatis mutandis in accordance with Rule 171. ***The speaking time allocated to a political group shall be treated as a block. It shall be up to the political group to distribute that time between its Members participating in the hearing. Speaking time allocated to non-attached Members shall not be treated as a block. The Commissioner-designate shall be given, on average, twice as much time for his or her reply as the time given for the question.*** The conduct of the ***confirmation*** hearings shall aim to develop a pluralistic political dialogue between the Commissioners-designate and the Members. Before the end of the ***confirmation*** hearing, the Commissioners-designate shall be given the opportunity to make a brief closing statement.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 278**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

#### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex VII – Article 3 – paragraph 8**

##### *Present text*

8. ***There shall be*** a live audio-visual transmission of ***the*** hearings made available free of charge to the public ***and media***. An indexed recording of ***the*** hearings shall be made available to the public within 24 hours.

##### *Amendment*

8. A live audio-visual transmission of ***all*** hearings ***shall be*** made available free of charge to the public. An indexed recording of ***all*** hearings shall be made available to the public within 24 hours.

Or. en

**Amendment 279**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Annex VII – Article 4 – paragraph 2**

*Present text*

2. In the case *of joint* committees the Chair and the coordinators of the committees concerned shall act jointly throughout the procedure.

*Amendment*

2. In the case *the Commissioner designate is heard jointly by two or more* committees, the Chair and the coordinators of the committees concerned shall act jointly throughout the procedure, *including by holding joint evaluation meetings*.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Technical AM: the mentioning of “(joint committees)” shall be deleted for the sake of consistency. The revised Rule 58 on “joint committee procedure” does not apply to the confirmation hearings of Commissioners-designate.*

**Amendment 280**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Annex VII – Article 4 – paragraph 4 – point d – indent 1**

*Present text*

– *first request* additional information *through* further written questions;

*Amendment*

– additional information *by means of* further written questions;

Or. en

**Amendment 281**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Annex VII – Article 4 – paragraph 4 – point d**

*Present text*

(d) If coordinators cannot reach a majority of at least two-thirds of the committee membership to approve the candidate, they shall:

- first request additional information through further written questions;
- ***if coordinators are still dissatisfied***, request a resumed hearing of ***1,5 hour*** subject to the approval of the Conference of Presidents;

*Amendment*

(d) If coordinators cannot reach a majority of at least two-thirds of the committee membership to approve the candidate, they shall:

- first request additional information through further written questions;
- request a resumed ***confirmation*** hearing of ***one and a half hours*** subject to the approval of the Conference of Presidents.

***Additional written questions and the Commissioner's-designate replies shall be published on Parliament's website.***

Or. en

**Amendment 282**

**Sven Simon**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Annex VII – Article 4 – paragraph 4 – point e**

*Present text*

(e) If, further to the application of point (d), coordinators representing a majority of at least two-thirds of the committee ***membership*** approve the Commissioner-designate, the Chair shall submit a letter on their behalf stating that a large majority approve the Commissioner-designate. Minority views shall be mentioned upon request.

*Amendment*

(e) If, further to the application of point (d), coordinators representing a majority of at least two-thirds of the committee ***members belonging to a political group*** approve the Commissioner-designate, the Chair shall submit a letter on their behalf stating that a large majority approve the Commissioner-designate. Minority views shall be mentioned ***in that letter*** upon request.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Technical AM: consistency with the RoP Annex VII - Article 4 - paragraph 4 - point c*