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on amendment to Parliament’s Rules of Procedure concerning Rule 216 on committee meetings
(2022/2069(REG))

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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The European Parliament,
– having regard to the letter from its President of 9 June 2022,
– having regard to Rules 236 and 237 of its Rules of Procedure,
– having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A9-0000/2022),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as shown below;
2. Decides that the amendments shall enter into force on the day following their adoption;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.

Amendment 1

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 216 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A committee shall meet when convened by its Chair or at the request of the President.

Amendment

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When convening such a meeting, the Chair may decide, on a case-by-case basis and with the approval of coordinators representing a majority of the committee members, that the meeting may also be attended remotely, except for votes and committee meetings to be held in camera.

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Or. en
Amendment 2

Parliament’s Rules of Procedure
Rule 216 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. Rule 171(2) on allocation of speaking time shall apply mutatis mutandis to committees.

Amendment

4. Rule 171(2) shall apply mutatis mutandis to committees. However, the second sentence of Rule 171(2) shall not apply to Members who are attending the meeting remotely.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Parliament’s Rules of Procedure
Rule 216 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Present text

5a. For any remote participation, it shall be ensured that:
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