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PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

pursuant to Rule 202 of the Rules of Procedure

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Amendment of the title of Chapter 4 and Rules 29 and 30

PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

Present text	Amendments
	Amendment 1
	CHAPTER 4 (Title)
POLITICAL GROUPS	POLITICAL <i>AND NATIONAL</i> GROUPS
	Amendment 2
	Rule 29 (Title)
Formation of political groups	Formation of political <i>and national</i> groups
	Amendment 3
	Rule 29, paragraph 1, first sentence
1. Members may form themselves into groups according to their political affinities.	1. Members may form themselves into groups according to their political <i>or national</i> affinities.
	Amendment 4
	Rule 29, paragraph 2 a (new)
	<i>2a. A national group must comprise more than one half of the members of a Member State delegation.</i>
	Amendment 5
	Rule 29, paragraph 2 b (new)

2b. Members of the European Parliament representing ethnic minorities may join national groups of other Member States if they so choose, provided the national group is willing to accept them.

Amendment 6

Rule 29, paragraph 4

4. The President shall be notified in a statement when a political group is set up. This statement shall specify the name of the group, its members and its bureau.

4. The President shall be notified in a statement when a political **or national** group is set up. This statement shall specify the name of the group, its members and its bureau.

Amendment 7

Rule 30 (Title)

Activities and legal situation of the political groups

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Amendment 8

Rule 30, paragraph 1

1. The political groups shall carry out their duties as part of the activities of the Union, including the tasks allocated to them by the Rules of Procedure. The political groups shall be provided with a secretariat on the basis of the establishment plan of the Secretariat, administrative facilities and the appropriations entered for that purpose in Parliament's budget.

1. The political **and national** groups shall carry out their duties as part of the activities of the Union, including the tasks allocated to them by the Rules of Procedure. The political **and national** groups shall be provided with a secretariat on the basis of the establishment plan of the Secretariat, administrative facilities and the appropriations entered for that purpose in Parliament's budget.

Amendment 9

Rule 30, paragraph 3

3. Those rules shall determine the administrative and financial consequences in the event of the dissolution of a political group.

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Amendment 10

Rules 12, 18, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, 32, 61, 62, 64, 82, 83, 90(4), 97(2), 99(4), 101(3), 102(3), 103(2), 103(4), 108(1), 114(1), 115(1), 115(3), 115(6), 131(1), 131(2), 131(3), 132(1), 133(1), 133(3), 133(4), 134(1), 140, 142(2), 142(3), 143(4), 150, 151(4), 155(5), 157(1), 160(1), 160(2), 161(2), 163(1), 168(1), 168(2), 169(1), 169(2), 170(1), 170(4), 171, 177(1), 177(4), 178(1), 178(2), 188(2), 200(1), 201(4), and ANNEX II(B)(3), ANNEX(III)(5) and (6), ANNEX IV(2)(2), (3)(2) and (7)(2), and ANNEX XV(1.3)

*As a consequence of and in addition to the above proposed amendments, the provisions (rules and annexes) of the Rules of Procedure listed in this amendment should be amended so as to replace 'political group (or groups)' throughout with 'political **and national** group (or groups)' or 'political **or national** group (or groups)', as appropriate.*

Justification

Different Member States of the European Union have their own specific needs and priorities which need to be discussed across party lines, often in consultation with the Ambassador of their country to the European Union and his staff. The current practice of having meetings of national delegations of specific political groups does not exhaust the scope of concerns that may be relevant to a particular issue from the point of view of the interests of individual countries. For such consultations across political boundaries to be effective, the national groups should have an appropriate status and the necessary technical facilities (rooms, staff, etc.) in Parliament.

Participation in a national group should not prevent a Member from belonging to a political group of his or her choosing or from remaining non-attached. For this reason, the current reading of Chapter 4 of the Rules of Procedure is inadequate.