

**Question for written answer E-6053/2010
to the Council**
Rule 117
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Subject: Arrangements for allocating the new seats at the European Parliament

One of the many advances of the Treaty of Lisbon is to increase the number of Members of the European Parliament by adding 18 new Members.

What are the recommendations of the Council and of the Belgian Presidency concerning the new allocation of seats among the Member States? How should the new Members of the European Parliament be chosen within each Member State?