Question for oral answer O-000053/2013 to the Council Rule 115 Judith Sargentini, Ulrike Lunacek, Hélène Flautre, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Franziska Keller on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Subject: Deadlock on the revision of Regulation 1049/2001

Parliament adopted its first reading position in December 2011 on the Commission's two joint proposals of 2008 and 2011 revising Regulation 1049/2001, so as to ensure greater transparency in the EU decision-making process for EU citizens.

Since then, and despite negotiations and trilogues with three successive Presidencies, Regulation 1049/2001 has been at an impasse at the Council. According to our information, this is due to the Commission's unwillingness to proceed.

- What does the Council identify as the main obstacles to progress on revision?
- Could the Council clarify the main points of the revision that could form part of a first-reading negotiation package?
- Does the Council agree that common ground between all three institutions needs to be determined in order to ensure the successful conclusion of Regulation 1049/2001 before the end of this mandate?

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