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Election of a Vice-President (interpretation of Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure)

European Parliament decision of 23 June 2011 concerning the election of a Vice-President (interpretation of Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter of 15 June 2011 from the Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
 - having regard to Rule 211 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Decides to append the following interpretation to Rule 13(1):

‘If a Vice-President is to be replaced and there is only one candidate, he or she may be elected by acclamation. The President is empowered to decide, at his discretion, whether the election is to take place by acclamation or by a secret ballot. The candidate elected takes the place of his or her predecessor in the order of precedence.’
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.