The European Parliament,

– having regard to the proposal by the Conference of Presidents,

– having regard to the association, cooperation and other agreements concluded by the European Union with third countries,

– having regard to Rules 198 and 200 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. anxious to strengthen parliamentary democracy by pursuing continuous interparliamentary dialogue;

1. Decides on the number of delegations and their regional groupings as follows:

(a) **Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey**

Delegations to the:

– EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee

– EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

Delegation for relations with Switzerland and Norway and to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Delegation to the EU-Serbia SAPC

Delegation to the EU-Albania SAPC

Delegation to the EU-Montenegro SAPC

Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo

(b) **Russia and the Eastern Partnership states**

Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

Delegation for relations with Belarus

Delegation to the EU-Armenia, EU-Azerbaijan and EU-Georgia Parliamentary Cooperation Committees

(c) Maghreb, Mashreq, Israel and Palestine

Delegations for relations with:
– Israel
– the Palestinian Legislative Council
– the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union
– the Mashreq countries

(d) The Arab Peninsula, Iraq and Iran

Delegations for relations with:
– the Arab Peninsula
– Iraq
– Iran

(e) The Americas

Delegations for relations with:
– the United States
– Canada
– the Federative Republic of Brazil
– the countries of Central America
– the countries of the Andean Community
– Mercosur

Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee

Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

Delegation to the Cariforum — EU Parliamentary Committee

(f) Asia/Pacific
Delegations for relations with:

- Japan
- the People’s Republic of China
- India
- Afghanistan
- the countries of South Asia
- the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- the Korean Peninsula
- Australia and New Zealand

Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan, EU-Uzbekistan and EU-Tajikistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees, and for relations with Turkmenistan and Mongolia

(g) Africa

Delegations for relations with:

- South Africa
- the Pan-African Parliament

(h) Multilateral assemblies

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly

Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly

Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;

2. Decides that the membership of parliamentary committees created on the basis of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) shall be drawn exclusively from the Committee on International Trade and the Committee on Development – ensuring the maintenance of the leading role of the Committee on International Trade as the committee responsible – and that they should actively coordinate their work with the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly;

3. Decides that the membership of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean, the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly shall be drawn exclusively from the bilateral or sub-regional delegations covered by each Assembly;
4. Decides that the membership of the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly shall be drawn exclusively from the Subcommittee on Security and Defence;

5. Decides that the Conference of Delegation Chairs should draw up a draft six-monthly calendar, to be adopted by the Conference of Presidents after consulting the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Development and the Committee on International Trade, on the understanding, however, that the Conference of Presidents may modify the calendar in order to respond to political events;

6. Decides that the political groups and non-attached Members shall appoint permanent substitutes to serve on each type of delegation and that the number of those substitutes may not exceed the number of full members representing the groups or non-attached Members;

7. Decides to intensify cooperation with and consultation of the committees concerned by delegation work by organising joint meetings between these bodies in its usual places of work;

8. Will endeavour to ensure in practice that one or more committee rapporteurs or chairs may likewise take part in the proceedings of delegations, joint interparliamentary committees, parliamentary cooperation committees and multilateral parliamentary assemblies; and decides that the President, at the joint request of the chairs of the delegation and committee concerned, shall authorise missions of this type;

9. Decides that this decision will enter into force at the first part-session of the eighth parliamentary term;

10. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service.