

29th EEA JPC

Amendments to the draft resolution on The open method of coordination and the EEA

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Amendment No 1 tabled by Mr Svein Roald HANSEN
Paragraph 1 - change

Requests that the use of the open method of coordination and other soft law instruments is integrated in important political documents such as green and white papers and other documents which are submitted to the European Parliament;

Amendment No 2 tabled by Mr Svein Roald HANSEN
Paragraph 2 – deletion

underlines that the use of soft law has become a recognised practice and is **(Deletion: ”, under special, clearly defined circumstances,”) an appropriate instrument; believes that, in some cases, soft law makes it possible to respond swiftly to developments; considers, however, that, when soft law arrangements are drawn up, steps should be taken to ensure that they are flexible, afford the parties concerned the utmost freedom as regards enforcement, and serve to avert overregulation and red tape;**

Amendment No 3 by Mr Svein Roald HANSEN
Paragraph 3 – addition

expresses its concern that the open method of coordination constitutes a shift from the traditional regulations, directives and decisions which would be incorporated into the EEA Agreement and that the EEA does not provide the EEA EFTA States **(Addition: ... “and stakeholders in the EEA EFTA States” ...)** with the necessary mechanisms for full participation in the important policy processes carried out under the method unless there is a special effort to integrate them;

Amendment No 4 by Mr Svein Roald HANSEN
Paragraph 6 – deletion

(Delete: expresses its concern that the open method of coordination has the potential to derail the legal order in the EU and shifting the balance among EU institutions, whereby the European Parliament and the European Court of Justice see their powers reduced;)

Amendment No 5 by Mr Svein Roald HANSEN
Paragraph 8 – change

Replace the original paragraph 8 text with the following paragraph:

underline that the positive impact of the open method of coordination should be brought to public attention and that the involvement of national parliaments, which has been quite limited with only a minority of EU Member States submitting national action plans to their respective parliaments, will strengthen the value of OMC;

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