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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register
(2020/2272(ACI))

Amendment 1

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. whereas the sanitary emergency due to the COVID pandemic has led to the emergence of new forms of interaction between interest-representatives and decision-makers;

Amendment

B. whereas the sanitary emergency due to the COVID pandemic has led to ***an increase in interactions and*** the emergence of new forms of interaction between interest-representatives and decision-makers; ***whereas lobbyists are taking advantage of the crisis to push their agenda; whereas, for example, the plastics industry is using the pandemic to attack Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment ^{1a}; whereas the Register needs specific human and financial resources to verify the declarations;***

^{1a} OJ L 155, 12.6.2019, p. 1;
<https://corporateeurope.org/en/2020/05/corona-lobby-watch>

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Proposal for a decision

Recital B a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ba. whereas the action of the institutions and EU policies must be based on participatory democracy, thus ensuring compliance with the principles of full transparency and correct and timely information sharing for citizens; Recalls that it is the duty of the institutions to guarantee an open, transparent and

continuous dialogue with civil society, in order to allow citizens to exercise direct control over the different stages of the decision-making process and to allow them to participate more closely in the decision-making process, as well as to ensure full accountability of the Union's institutions and bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Proposal for a decision
Recital C

Proposal for a decision

C. whereas the Union will in various forms disburse unprecedented volumes of financial support to the Member States in order to fight the consequences of the pandemic and every decision related thereto has to be taken with full transparency;

Amendment

C. whereas the Union will in various forms disburse unprecedented volumes of financial support to the Member States in order to fight the consequences of the pandemic and every decision related thereto has to be taken with full transparency, ***ensuring full accountability on the part of the Union's decision makers;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision
Recital D

Proposal for a decision

D. whereas high ethical standards for interest representation underpin the trust that citizens have in the EU institutions;

Amendment

D. whereas high ethical standards for interest representation underpin the trust that citizens have in the EU institutions; ***whereas an independent body with investigative, seizure and sanctioning powers is necessary in order for the EU's ambition of being ethical and transparent***

to be truly effective; whereas the independence, transparency and accountability of public institutions and their elected representatives, Commissioners and also public officials, political advisers and parliamentary assistants are of the utmost importance for promoting the trust of citizens that is necessary for the legitimate functioning of democratic institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 5

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Proposal for a decision

Recital D

Proposal for a decision

D. whereas high ethical standards for interest representation underpin the trust that citizens have in the EU institutions;

Amendment

D. whereas high ethical standards for interest representation underpin the trust that citizens have in the EU institutions, *enhancing their transparency and accountability;*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Recital D a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Da. whereas the Transparency Register should work together with an independent ethics body having the power to investigate on the basis of documents and on-the-spot checks, seize from and impose sanctions against both lobbies and the persons whom lobbies are seeking to influence; whereas this body is necessary for the EU's ethics and transparency

ambition to be truly effective rather than merely well-intentioned; whereas it is necessary to restore trust in the European institutions and their democratic legitimacy;

Or. fr

Amendment 7

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Recital E

Proposal for a decision

E. whereas the individual institutional measures that aim to implement the Agreement are taken in the European Parliament at various levels and range from implementing rules adopted by the Bureau to the modification of the Rules of Procedure;

Amendment

E. whereas the individual institutional measures that aim to implement the Agreement are taken in the European Parliament at various levels and range from implementing rules adopted by the Bureau to the modification of the Rules of Procedure; *whereas the European Parliament should seize this opportunity to improve and strengthen these measures in order to lead by example with regard to transparency rules and their application;*

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Welcomes* the Agreement *as* a further step enhancing standards of ethical interest representation; recalls nevertheless that under Article 295 TFEU, the institutions can only make arrangements for their cooperation, and therefore have to rely on their powers of self-organisation in order to create de-facto obligations

Amendment

1. *Notes that* the Agreement *must now be substantially improved in order to be* a further step enhancing standards of ethical interest representation; recalls nevertheless that under Article 295 TFEU, the institutions can only make arrangements for their cooperation, and therefore have to rely on their powers of

requiring third parties to subscribe to the Register; reiterates its long-standing preference for establishing the Transparency Register via a legislative act, as the only way of legally binding third parties;

self-organisation in order to create de-facto obligations requiring third parties to subscribe to the Register; reiterates its long-standing preference for establishing the Transparency Register via a legislative act, as the only way of legally binding third parties; ***deeply regrets that Parliament's proposal for the adoption of a legislative act was not genuinely discussed during the negotiations;***

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

1a. Proposes that the Conference on the Future of Europe discusses the possibility of introducing in the Treaties an autonomous legal basis enabling the co-legislators to adopt Union legal acts under ordinary legislative procedure to regulate ethical interest representation in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

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representation; highlights their obligation under the Agreement, and in accordance with Article 13(2) TEU, to practise mutual sincere cooperation when developing the scheme and that the institutions should therefore aim for the highest level of commitment; insists that the measures referred to in the Agreement represent a minimum which should be expanded further;

representation; ***considers, in this regard, that it makes sense to create an independent ethics body to harmonise the rules between the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the EU***; highlights their obligation under the Agreement, and in accordance with Article 13(2) TEU, to practise mutual sincere cooperation when developing the scheme and that the institutions should therefore aim for the highest level of commitment; insists that the measures referred to in the Agreement represent a minimum which should be expanded further;

Or. fr

Amendment 11

Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík, Sven Simon

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. Insists that, in line with the political statement, the institutions commit to a coordinated approach on reinforcing the common transparency culture with the view to improving and further strengthening ethical interest representation; highlights their obligation under the Agreement, and in accordance with Article 13(2) TEU, to practise mutual sincere cooperation when developing the scheme and that the institutions should therefore aim for the highest level of commitment; ***insists*** that the measures referred to in the Agreement represent ***a*** minimum which ***should be expanded further***;

Amendment

2. Insists that, in line with the political statement, the institutions commit to a coordinated approach on reinforcing the common transparency culture with the view to improving and further strengthening ethical interest representation; highlights their obligation under the Agreement, and in accordance with Article 13(2) TEU, to practise mutual sincere cooperation when developing the scheme and that the institutions should therefore aim for the highest level of commitment; ***reminds*** that the measures referred to in the agreement represent ***the*** minimum ***for*** which ***there is political support given the existing constitutional and legal limitations***;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 3

Proposal for a decision

3. Welcomes the fact that the status of the Council of the European Union has changed from that of an observer to that of a formal party to the Agreement; considers nevertheless that its participation is limited to meetings with the most senior officials, and, under voluntary schemes only, meetings of the Permanent Representatives and Deputy Permanent Representatives during their presidency and six months before; insists that for the credibility of the scheme all Permanent Representations should take an active part in that voluntary scheme, continue to apply it after their presidency has ended and extend, ***it insofar as this is possible***, to other officials;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Leila Chaibi

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Or. fr

Amendment 14 **László Trócsányi**

Proposal for a decision **Paragraph 3**

Proposal for a decision

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Or. en

Amendment 15

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 16

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

3a. Insists that the President of the European Council and his cabinet should be transparent about their meetings with interest representatives; calls on the President of the European Council and the Council's General Secretariat to follow the Ombudsman's

recommendation of 18 June 2019, especially its proposal that the Council's General Secretariat should keep a full record of any meetings held between interest representatives and the President of the European Council and/or members of his or her cabinet and that this information should be recorded in the Council's official file management system and made public;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 4

Proposal for a decision

4. Points out that in the negotiation process the Commission has not made any substantive additional commitments to the scheme; regrets in particular that, with regard to personal scope, it covers only the most senior staff of the institutions; insists that any revision of the conditionality arrangements with regard to all three institutions should include meetings with other staff of the institutions, at Heads of Unit level and above;

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Or. en

Amendment 18

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 5

Proposal for a decision

5. ***Welcomes*** the commitments made by Parliament in the negotiation process on conditionality and complementary transparency measures; considers that the modification of Rules 11 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure have provided a strong impetus in that regard; ***welcomes the fact that the Agreement preserves the constitutional right of the Members to exercise their mandate freely;***

Amendment

5. ***Regrets that*** the commitments made by Parliament in the negotiation process on conditionality and complementary transparency measures ***do not go beyond what already exists;*** considers that the modification of Rules 11 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure have provided a strong impetus in that regard; ***believes that there is an urgent need to establish a binding system to effectively prevent lobbies not registered in the Transparency Register from participating in meetings with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that it must be mandatory for all Members to make public their meetings with lobbyists; stresses that making it an obligation only for rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs is not sufficient as the mandate and powers of Members are not limited to these functions; recalls that Members' votes, both in committee and in plenary, can be influenced by their meetings with lobbyists, and that such meetings should therefore be declared;***

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Rainer Wieland, Sven Simon, Vladimír Bilčík

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 5

Proposal for a decision

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 6

Proposal for a decision

6. *Welcomes* the possibility of involvement by institutions, bodies, offices and agencies on a voluntary basis; believes that such involvement should be encouraged by the signatory institutions, in line with their obligation to promote the use of the Register and to make use of the Register to the fullest extent; insists that such participation will require the signatory institutions to provide the Register with further resources;

Amendment

6. *Considers that the best way to strengthen, or restore, citizens' trust in the European institutions is to apply high standards of transparency and accountability; notes* the possibility of involvement by institutions, bodies, offices and agencies on a voluntary basis; *is concerned that the other institutions, bodies, offices and agencies may not, on a voluntary basis, participate in the interinstitutional agreement; reiterates, therefore, the need to continue the dialogue in order to eventually reach agreement on a legislative act;* believes that such involvement should be encouraged by the signatory institutions, in line with their obligation to promote the use of the Register and to make use of the Register to the fullest extent; insists that such participation will require the signatory institutions to provide the Register with further resources;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Considers it to be important to define the meetings with interest representatives that should be published as meetings scheduled in advance; welcomes Commission's practice to publish also those meetings taking place in a different format than in person-meetings, such as by video-conference; insists that a scheduled telephone call should be considered a meeting as well;*

Or. en

Amendment 22

Rainer Wieland, Sven Simon, Vladimír Bilčík

Proposal for a decision Paragraph 9

Proposal for a decision

9. Is of the opinion that the implementation of the conditionality measures and other complementary transparency measures through individual decisions is ***not only*** a way to respect the respective internal organisational powers of the three signatory institutions ***but that it offers also an opportunity to increase the level of commitment of the respective institutions with regard to the scheme throughout the implementation period;*** welcomes in that regard the fact that the annual report has been expanded to cover the implementation of such measures adopted by the signatory institutions;

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that the implementation of the conditionality measures and other complementary transparency measures through individual decisions is a way to respect the respective internal organisational powers of the three signatory institutions; welcomes in that regard the fact that the annual report has been expanded to cover the implementation of such measures adopted by the signatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 9

Proposal for a decision

9. Is of the opinion that the implementation of the conditionality measures and other complementary transparency measures through individual decisions is not *only a way to respect the respective internal organisational powers of the three signatory institutions but that it offers also an opportunity to increase the level of commitment of the respective institutions with regard to the scheme throughout the implementation period*; welcomes in that regard the fact that the annual report has been expanded to cover the implementation of such measures adopted by the signatory institutions;

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that the implementation of the conditionality measures and other complementary transparency measures through individual decisions is not a *sufficient guarantee to ensure the transparency of meetings; considers that conditionality measures should be binding on all staff of the institutions, particularly elected officials and Commissioners, but also public officials, political advisers and parliamentary assistants*; welcomes in that regard the fact that the annual report has been expanded to cover the implementation of such measures adopted by the signatory institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 24

Alin Mituța, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Pascal Durand, Ramona Strugariu

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

9a. Proposes that the annual report will include information on registrants who have been convicted for fraud, corruption, non-payment of tax or social security obligations, or who are based in the list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer, Alin Mituța, Sandro Gozi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

9a. *Proposes that the annual report will include information on registrants who have been investigated and finally removed from the register because of non-compliance with the Code of Conduct;*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer, Alin Mituța, Sandro Gozi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

10a. *Calls for the inclusion of an analysis of the effects that new rules of transparency have on decision-making procedures and the impact that these rules have on the perception that citizens have of the Union institutions;*

Or. en

Amendment 27

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

11a. *Proposes that the Court of Auditors be authorised to draw up regular reports on the equalisation of burdens and the resources made available to the Secretariat of the Register;*

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 12

Proposal for a decision

12. Welcomes the commitments made by the Parliament in the course of the negotiations, notably on the proposal “Closing the loopholes – Parliament’s proposals on conditionality” and insists on the need to fully implement and publish them in accordance with Article 5(3) of the Agreement;

Amendment

12. Welcomes the commitments made by the Parliament in the course of the negotiations, notably on the proposal “Closing the loopholes – Parliament’s proposals on conditionality” and insists on the need to fully implement and publish them in accordance with Article 5(3) of the Agreement ***without undue delay***;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 13

Proposal for a decision

13. Insists on the need to ensure that, within Parliament, there is a high degree of political ownership of the implementation and review process; proposes therefore that a monitoring group is established within the Committee on Constitutional Affairs; suggests that the review process provided for in Article 14 of the Agreement should be informed and shaped in close cooperation with EP Vice-President responsible for Transparency;

Amendment

13. Insists on the need to ensure that, within Parliament, there is a high degree of political ownership of the implementation and review process; ***stresses the need to go further and to strengthen these measures***; proposes therefore that a monitoring group is established within the Committee on Constitutional Affairs; suggests that the review process provided for in Article 14 of the Agreement should be informed and shaped in close cooperation with EP Vice-President responsible for Transparency;

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Rainer Wieland, Sven Simon

Proposal for a decision

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Or. en

Amendment 31

Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – introductory part

Proposal for a decision

14. Calls specifically for the following measures to be implemented by the Bureau;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point a

Proposal for a decision

(a) establishing a direct link between the publication of the meetings under Rule 11(3) and the Transparency Register;

Amendment

(a) establishing a direct link between the publication of the meetings under Rule 11(3) and the Transparency Register ***and introducing substantive improvements in order to render this publication tool fully user-friendly and searchable***;

Amendment 33

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point a a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(aa) introducing a rule that Parliament staff are allowed to schedule meetings only with those interest representatives which are registered, with exceptions similar to those contained in Commission Decision of 25 November 2014 on the publication of information on meetings held between Directors-General of the Commission and organisations or self-employed individuals;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point a b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ab) introducing a rule that Parliament staff are to publish their meetings with individuals or organisations in the scope of the Transparency Register; this rule should apply at least to categories of staff corresponding to the similar practice in Commission, ideally to all staff working on policy matters and could build on the practices and technical solutions developed by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 14 – point b

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(b) establishing a direct link between the legislative footprint provided for in Article 4(6) of the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest, contained in Annex I to its Rules of Procedure and the Transparency Register;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 36
Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 14 – point b a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ba) introducing a rule for officials of the Parliament from Head of Unit level to Secretary General to meet only with registered interest representatives;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 14 – point c

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(c) making participation as a speaker at workshops and delegation meetings conditional upon registration;

(c) developing a comprehensive approach in order to make participation as a speaker at workshops, seminars, and events organised at committee level, and

delegation meetings conditional upon registration;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point c

Proposal for a decision

(c) making participation as a speaker at workshops and delegation meetings conditional upon registration;

Amendment

(c) making participation as a speaker at ***all events organised by committees or cross-party intergroups such as workshops and seminars, as well as*** delegation meetings, conditional upon registration;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point c a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ca) establishing a binding principle not allowing lobbyists who are not registered or whose registered information is incorrect or not up-to-date to meet Members, public officials, political advisers or parliamentary assistants;

Or. fr

Amendment 40

Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point c a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ca) developing a comprehensive and coherent approach with regard to co-hosting of events on Parliament's premises, and recommending the co-hosting of events to registered entities;

Or. en

**Amendment 41
Daniel Freund**

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 14 – point c a (new)**

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ca) making the co-hosting of events on Parliament's premises conditional upon registration for anyone falling under the scope of the Transparency Register;

Or. en

**Amendment 42
Daniel Freund**

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 14 – point c b (new)**

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(cb) amending standard contracts for any staff employed by Parliament to include advance agreement for publishing their name in case, while on leave or after leaving the public service of EU institutions, they take advantage of the 'revolving door' to become an individual or employee of an organisation within the scope of the Transparency Register ;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 – point c b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

**(cb) making public all meetings
between Members and lobbyists;**

Or. fr

Amendment 44

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

**14a. Calls specifically on the
Conference of Committee Chairs to adopt
guidelines in order to support
rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and
committee chairs to fulfil their obligation
under Rule 11(3) to publish online in
respect of each report all scheduled
meetings with interest representatives
falling within the scope of the
Transparency register by reminding them
of this duty at the beginning of their work
on each file and by pro-actively preparing
a legislative footprint based on the
meetings published by the Members on
their Parliament web profile;**

Or. en

Amendment 45

Danuta Maria Hübner

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Secretary General to issue a recommendation for staff to systematically verify, before meeting them, whether interest representatives are registered ;

Or. en

**Amendment 46
Daniel Freund**

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 14 b (new)**

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

14b. Welcomes the fact that the Secretary-General has instructed Parliament's services to connect the tool to the Transparency Register and Legislative Observatory and encourages any effort that would further improve this tool, including by providing access for processing of the data provided by Members in the Parliament website infrastructure concerning meetings with interest representatives in a machine readable format, providing an option to link the meeting to membership of a delegation, to indicate that the meeting took place at staff-level, to link the entries on Parliament's website to the Member's own website and to make this infrastructure available in all official languages of the Union;

Or. en

**Amendment 47
Leila Chaibi**

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 15**

Proposal for a decision

15. Calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to consider, in the process of revision of the EP Rules of Procedure, further transparency measures which should be introduced in order to enhance Parliament's commitment to the joint scheme;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to consider, in the process of revision of the EP Rules of Procedure, further ***binding*** transparency measures which should be introduced in order to enhance Parliament's commitment to the joint scheme;

Or. fr

Amendment 48

Rainer Wieland, Sven Simon, Vladimír Bilčík

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 15

Proposal for a decision

15. ***Calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to consider, in the process of revision of the EP Rules of Procedure, further transparency measures which should be introduced in order to enhance Parliament's commitment to the joint scheme;***

Amendment

15. ***Underlines the importance of political ownership guaranteeing the broad consensus necessary to go beyond the current proposals, especially in view of the formal requirements that apply to any revision of the Rules of Procedure;***

Or. en

Amendment 49

Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Pascal Durand, Gilles Boyer, Alin Mituța, Sandro Gozi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 16

Proposal for a decision

16. Notes that observance of the code of conduct, set out in Annex III to the Agreement is part of the eligibility criteria and that registrants are to take into account confidentiality requirements and rules applicable to the former members and staff of the institutions which apply to them

Amendment

16. Notes that observance of the code of conduct, set out in Annex III to the Agreement is part of the eligibility criteria and that registrants are to take into account confidentiality requirements and rules applicable to the former members and staff of the institutions which apply to them

after leaving office;

after leaving office; *considers that a reference to the values and principles of Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) should be included in the Code of Conduct;*

Or. en

Amendment 50

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 17

Proposal for a decision

17. Welcomes clarification that, when they outsource part of their activities to others, registrants ***are not released from the obligation to*** ensure the observance of the same ethical standards as those that apply to them;

Amendment

17. Welcomes clarification that, when they outsource part of their activities to others, registrants ***must also*** ensure the observance of the same ethical standards as those that apply to them; ***considers that where a third party plays a recurrent and significant role in lobbying strategies, as is the case with polling institutes, it should be entered in the Transparency Register;***

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 18

Proposal for a decision

18. Welcomes the fact that registrants are obliged to publish financial information of both clients and intermediaries and that financial information is also required from registrants that do not represent commercial interests;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the fact that registrants are obliged to publish financial information of both clients and intermediaries and that financial information is also required from registrants that do not represent commercial interests; ***welcomes the fact that registrants are obliged not only to publish financial information once a year but also to keep that information up-to-date, in particular where a significant***

change occurs with details subject to implementing decisions;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 19

Proposal for a decision

19. Highlights that the registrants are now obliged to provide information about legislative proposals, policies or initiatives targeted by them; considers that this should contribute to further transparency of the interests they represent;

Amendment

19. Highlights that the registrants are now obliged to provide information about legislative proposals, policies or initiatives targeted by them; considers that this should contribute to further transparency of the interests they represent; ***stresses that still too many interest representatives do not provide sufficient details; stresses, in particular, that 135 organisations do not report any costs relating to their lobbying activities and that 599 organisations report an implausibly low ratio between lobbying costs and full-time equivalents; stresses, therefore, the need to increase the human and financial resources of the Secretariat of the Register;***

Or. fr

Amendment 53

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

19a. Calls on registrants who very significantly change their lobbying activities or expenses during the course of a year to update the details in the Register proactively; calls on the signatory institutions to amend Annex I as soon as

possible so that all financial data are provided annually, with the exception of changes taking place within one year and exceeding EUR 200 000, which should be notified to the Secretariat within two weeks of when they are known, accompanied, where necessary, by an update concerning clients and goals;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

19a. Deplores the fact that it was not possible to include an obligation for registrants to publish 'revolving door' cases, i.e. publishing the names and new roles of persons who were Members or staff of the institutions before taking up activities within the scope of the register; calls on the signatory institutions to review the Code of Conduct for registrants with the aim of achieving more transparency in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

19b. Deplores that interest representatives are not required to publicly disclose political donations to parties and candidates; calls on the signatory institutions to review the Code

of Conduct for registrants to achieve more transparency in this regard; suggests such disclosure should include ‘in kind’ contributions, such as advertising, use of facilities, the provision of design and printing services, the donation of equipment, or the provision of board memberships, employment or consultancy work to elected politicians or candidates for office ;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Alin Mituța, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Pascal Durand, Ramona Strugariu

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 20

Proposal for a decision

20. Welcomes the undertaking to increase resources for maintenance, development and promotion of the register, as well as the Council’s formal contribution to the secretariat; believes that such commitments to the joint scheme should enhance the capacity of the Secretariat to provide timely guidance to the registrants and support them in the registration and update of the requested data; nevertheless, insists, in particular, that human resources are very limited in proportion to the number of registrants in comparison with similar national schemes and that that limitation hampers the efficiency of the operation of the register;

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Or. en

Amendment 57

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 20

Proposal for a decision

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Or. en

Amendment 58
Daniel Freund

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 20

Proposal for a decision

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calls on its General Secretary to lead by example in mobilising additional staff for the Secretariat;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Leila Chaibi

Proposal for a decision Paragraph 20 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

20a. Calls for connectivity between the Register's website and related data, such as meetings of Members and staff of the institutions with individuals or organisations, to be developed;

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu

Proposal for a decision Paragraph 22 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

22a. Considers that the future Union Ethics Body should be given competence to oversee compliance with the obligations imposed by the Transparency Register, as well as the competence to contribute, by way of proposals, to the development and periodic updating of a common ethical framework for the institutions, including in respect of transparency obligations;

Or. en

