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Amendment 1079
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 150 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Items placed on the final draft agenda for vote without amendment shall also be without debate unless Parliament, when adopting its agenda at the start of a part-session, decides otherwise on a proposal from the Conference of Presidents or at the request of a political group or at least **40** Members.

Amendment

2. Items placed on the final draft agenda for vote without amendment shall also be without debate unless Parliament, when adopting its agenda at the start of a part-session, decides otherwise on a proposal from the Conference of Presidents or at the request of a political group or at least **25** Members.

Or. pt

Amendment 1080
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 150 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. When drawing up the final draft agenda for a part-session, the Conference of Presidents may propose that other items be taken without amendment or without debate. When adopting its agenda, Parliament may not accept any such proposal if a political group or at least **40** Members have tabled their opposition in writing at least one hour before the opening of the part-session.

Amendment

3. When drawing up the final draft agenda for a part-session, the Conference of Presidents may propose that other items be taken without amendment or without debate. When adopting its agenda, Parliament may not accept any such proposal if a political group or at least **25** Members have tabled their opposition in writing at least one hour before the opening of the part-session.

Or. pt

Amendment 1081
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 152 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. At the beginning of each part-session, Parliament shall take a decision on the final draft agenda. Amendments may be proposed by a committee, a political group or at least **40** Members. Any such proposals must be received by the President at least one hour before the opening of the part-session. The President may give the floor to the mover, one speaker in favour and one speaker against, in each case for not more than one minute.

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Or. pt

Amendment 1082

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 153 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A political group or at least **40** Members may request that an extraordinary debate on a matter of major interest relating to European Union policy be placed on Parliament's agenda. As a rule, no more than one extraordinary debate shall be held during each part-session.

Amendment

1. A political group or at least **25** Members may request that an extraordinary debate on a matter of major interest relating to European Union policy be placed on Parliament's agenda. As a rule, no more than one extraordinary debate shall be held during each part-session.

Or. pt

Amendment 1083

Gerolf Annemans

on behalf of the ENF Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 153 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 153 a

Topical debate requested by a political group

- 1. At each part-session, one or two periods of not less than 60 minutes each shall be set aside in the draft agenda for debates on a topical matter of major interest to European Union policy.***
- 2. Each political group shall have the right to propose the topical matter of its choice for at least one such a debate every year. The Conference of Presidents shall ensure, over a rolling period of one year, a fair distribution among the political groups of that right.***
- 3. The political groups shall transmit the topical matter of their choice to the President in writing before the drawing up of the final draft agenda by the Conference of Presidents. Rule 38(1) concerning the rights, freedoms and principles recognised by Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union and the values enshrined in its Article 2 shall be fully respected.***
- 4. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the time at which such a debate is to be held. It may decide by a majority representing 95 % of the component Members of Parliament to reject a matter put forward by a group.***
- 5. The debate shall be introduced by a representative of the political group having proposed the topical matter. Following this introduction, speaking time shall be allocated in accordance with Rule 162 (4) and (5).***
- 6. The debate shall be wound up without the adoption of a resolution.***

Or. en

Amendment 1084
Max Andersson
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 153 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 153 a

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- 4. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the time at which such a debate is to be held.***
- 5. The debate shall be introduced by a representative of the political group having proposed the topical matter. Following this introduction, speaking time shall be allocated in accordance with Rule 162 (4) and (5).***

Or. en

Amendment 1085

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 153 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 153a

Topical debate requested by a political group

- 1. At each part-session, one or two periods of not less than 60 minutes each shall be set aside on the draft agenda for debates on a topical matter relating to European Union policy or to an answer by the Commission to a question.***
- 2. Each political group shall have the right to propose the topical matter of its choice for at least one such debate every year. The Conference of Presidents shall ensure, over a rolling period of one year, an equal distribution among the political groups of that right.***
- 3. The political groups shall transmit the topical matter of their choice to the President in writing before the drawing up of the final draft agenda by the Conference of Presidents. Rule 38(1) concerning the rights, freedoms and principles recognised by Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union and the values enshrined in its Article 2 shall be fully respected.***
- 4. The Conference of Presidents shall determine the time at which such a debate is to be held. It may decide by a majority representing four fifths of Parliament's component Members to reject a matter put forward by a political group that is contrary to the fundamental and human rights laid down in the Charter of Fundamental Rights.***
- 5. The debate shall be introduced by a representative of the political group that proposed the topical matter. Following***

this introduction, speaking time shall be allocated in accordance with Rule 162(4) and (5).

6. *The debate shall be wound up without the adoption of a resolution.*

Or. de

Amendment 1086

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 154 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A request that a debate on a proposal on which Parliament has been consulted pursuant to Rule 47(1) be treated as urgent may be made to Parliament by the President, a committee, a political group, at least **40** Members, the Commission or the Council. This request shall be made in writing and supported by reasons.

Amendment

1. A request that a debate on a proposal on which Parliament has been consulted pursuant to Rule 47(1) be treated as urgent may be made to Parliament by the President, a committee, a political group, at least **25** Members, the Commission or the Council. This request shall be made in writing and supported by reasons.

Or. pt

Amendment 1087

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 158 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. At committee and delegation meetings away from the usual places of work interpretation shall be provided from and into the languages of those members who have confirmed that they will attend the meeting. These arrangements may exceptionally be made more flexible where the members of the committee or delegation so agree. In the event of

Amendment

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disagreement, the *Bureau shall decide*.

disagreement, *interpretation must be provided to ensure respect for the principle of multilingualism*.

Or. pt

Amendment 1088

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 164 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 164a

Prevention of obstruction

The President shall have the power to put an end to the excessive use of motions such as points of order, procedural motions or explanations of vote, or of requests for separate, split or roll-call votes, where he is convinced that those motions or requests are manifestly intended to cause, and would result in, a prolonged and serious obstruction of the procedures of Parliament or the rights of Members.

Or. de

Amendment 1089

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 165 – paragraph 3

Present text

Amendment

3. Should the disturbance continue, or if a further offence is committed, the offender may be denied the right to speak and may be excluded from the Chamber by the President for the remainder of the sitting. The President may also resort to the

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latter measure immediately and without a second call to order in cases of exceptional seriousness. The Secretary-General shall, without delay, see to it that such disciplinary measures are carried out, with the assistance of the ushers and, if necessary, of Parliament's Security Service.

vote in plenary being affected. The President may also resort to the latter measure immediately and without a second call to order in cases of exceptional seriousness. The Secretary-General shall, without delay, see to it that such disciplinary measures are carried out, with the assistance of the ushers and, if necessary, of Parliament's Security Service.

Or. el

Amendment 1090

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 165 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. If any defamatory, racist or xenophobic language or behaviour by a Member occurs during a debate, the Parliament shall publish a note officially deploring the Member's language or behaviour. That note shall be published in a special section of the Parliament website.

Or. en

Amendment 1091

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 166 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. In exceptionally serious cases of disorder or disruption of Parliament in violation of the principles laid down in Rule 11, the President, after hearing the Member concerned, shall adopt a reasoned decision laying down the appropriate

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penalty, which he shall notify to the Member concerned and to the presiding officers of the bodies, committees and delegations on which the Member serves, before announcing it to plenary.

penalty, which he shall notify to the Member concerned and to the presiding officers of the bodies, committees and delegations on which the Member serves, before announcing it to plenary. ***Penalties shall be doubled in case of repeated offence.***

Or. en

Amendment 1092

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 166 – paragraph 3 – point b

Present text

(b) forfeiture of entitlement to the daily subsistence allowance for a period of between two and ***ten*** days;

Amendment

(b) forfeiture of entitlement to the daily subsistence allowance for a period of between two and ***thirty*** days;

Or. en

Amendment 1093

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 166 – paragraph 3 – point c

Present text

(c) without prejudice to the right to vote in plenary, and subject, in this instance, to strict compliance with the Members' standards of conduct, temporary suspension from participation in all or some of the activities of Parliament for a period of between two and ***ten consecutive*** days on which Parliament or any of its bodies, committees or delegations meet;

Amendment

(c) without prejudice to the right to vote in plenary, and subject, in this instance, to strict compliance with the Members' standards of conduct, temporary suspension from participation in all or some of the activities of Parliament for a period of between two and ***thirty*** days on which Parliament or any of its bodies, committees or delegations meet;

Or. en

Amendment 1094

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 166 – paragraph 3 – point d

Present text

(d) submission to the Conference of Presidents, in accordance with Rule 21, of a proposal for the Member's suspension or removal from one or more of the offices held by the Member in Parliament.

Amendment

(d) submission to the Conference of Presidents, in accordance with Rule 21, of a proposal for the Member's suspension or removal from one or more of the offices, ***including his or her appointment as a rapporteur or designation as a shadow rapporteur***, held by the Member in Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 1095

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 167 – paragraph 1

Present text

The Member concerned may lodge an internal appeal with the Bureau within two weeks of notification of the penalty imposed by the President. Such an appeal shall have the effect of suspending the application of that penalty. The Bureau may, not later than four weeks after the lodging of the appeal, annul, confirm or reduce the penalty imposed, without prejudice to the external rights of appeal open to the Member concerned. Should the Bureau fail to take a decision within the time limit laid down, the penalty shall be declared null and void.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 1096
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 168 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. All votes shall be valid whatever the number of voters unless the President, on a request made before voting has begun by at least **40** Members, establishes at the time of voting that the quorum is not present. If the vote shows that the quorum is not present, the vote shall be placed on the agenda for the next sitting.

Amendment

3. All votes shall be valid whatever the number of voters unless the President, on a request made before voting has begun by at least **25** Members, establishes at the time of voting that the quorum is not present. If the vote shows that the quorum is not present, the vote shall be placed on the agenda for the next sitting.

Or. pt

Amendment 1097
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 168 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. All votes shall be valid whatever the number of voters unless the President, on a request made before voting has begun by **at least 40** Members, establishes at the time of voting that the quorum is not present. If the vote shows that the quorum is not present, the vote shall be placed on the agenda for the next sitting.

Amendment

3. All votes shall be valid whatever the number of voters unless the President, on a request made before voting has begun by **a political group or by one twentieth of Parliament's component Members**, establishes at the time of voting that the quorum is not present. If the vote shows that the quorum is not present, the vote shall be placed on the agenda for the next sitting.

Or. de

Amendment 1098
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 168 – paragraph 3 – interpretation – subparagraph 1

Present text

3. A request for the quorum to be established must be made by at least **40** Members. A request on behalf of a political group is not admissible.

Amendment

3. A request for the quorum to be established must be made by at least **25** Members. A request on behalf of a political group is not admissible.

Or. pt

Amendment 1099

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 168 – paragraph 3 – interpretation – subparagraph 2

Present text

3. When establishing the result of the vote, account must be taken, in accordance with paragraph 2, of all the Members present in the Chamber and, in accordance with paragraph 4, of all the Members who asked for the quorum to be established. The ***electronic voting system cannot be used for this purpose.*** The doors of the Chamber may not be closed.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 1100

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 168 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 168 a

Thresholds

1. For the purposes of these Rules, and unless specified otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) *"low threshold" means one-twentieth of Parliament's component Members or a political group;*
- (b) *"medium threshold" means one tenth of Parliament's component Members, made up of one or more political groups or individual Members, or a combination of the two;*
- (c) *"high threshold" means one fifth of Parliament's component Members made up of one or more political groups or individual Members, or a combination of the two.*

2. *Where, for the purpose of determining whether an applicable threshold has been attained, a Member's signature is required, that signature may be either handwritten or in electronic form, produced by the electronic signature system of Parliament. Within the relevant time-limits, a Member may withdraw, but may not subsequently renew, his or her signature.*

3. *Where the support of a political group is necessary in order for a threshold to be attained, the group shall act through its chair or through a person duly designated by him or her for that purpose.*

4. *The support of a political group shall be counted as follows for the application of the medium and high thresholds:*

- where a Rule laying down such a threshold is invoked in the course of a sitting or meeting: all Members who belong to the supporting group and are physically present;*
- in the other cases: all Members who belong to the supporting group.*

Horizontal alignment of Rules and amendments to the new definitions of the thresholds laid down in Rule 168a

A. In the following Rules or amendments concerning the following Rules, the words « a political group or at least 40 Members», in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold", with any necessary grammatical changes being made:

Rule 69(1)

Rule 81(2)

Rule 105(6)

Rule 108(2)

Rule 123(2)

Rule 150(2)

Rule 150(3)

Rule 153(1)

Rule 169(1) subpara. 1

Rule 170(4) subpara. 1

Rule 176(1)

Rule 188(1) subpara. 1

Rule 188(2)

Rule 189(1) subpara. 1

Rule 190(1) subpara. 1

Rule 190(4)

Rule 226(4)

Rule 231(4)

Rule 15(1) subpara.1

Rule 38(2)

Rule 38 a(1) (new)

Rule 42(2) subpara. 1 a (new)

Rule 59(1)

Rule 59 (1a) subpara. 1 (new)

Rule 59 (1b) subpara. 4 (new)

Rule 59(1b) subpara. 5 (new)

Rule 63 (4)

Rule 67a (1) (new)
Rule 67 (a2) (new)
Rule 67 (a4) (new)
Rule 88(2)
Rule 105(4)
Rule 106(4c) (new)
Rule 108 (4)
Rule 113 (4a) (new)
Rule 118 (5) subpara. 1
Rule 121(3)
Rule 122(3)
Rule 122 (a4) (new)
Rule 128(1) subpara. 1
Rule 135(1)
Rule 135(2)
Rule 137(2) subpara. 3
Rule 138(2) subpara. 3
Rule 152 (1)
Rule 154 (1)
Rule 174 (5)
Rule 174 (6)
Rule 180 (1)
Rule 187 (1) subpara. 1
Annex XVI paragraph 1 c

In Rules 88 (4) and 113 (4a), the words “at least 40 Members”, in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by “a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold”, with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

B. In Rules 50 (1) and 50(2) subparagraph 1, the words “at least one-tenth of the members of the committee”, in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by “members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold in the committee” with any

necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 73 a(2) and Rule 150(1), subparagraph 2, the words « political groups or individual Members who together constitute one-tenth of the members of Parliament », in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by “Members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold” with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 210 a(4), the words “three members of a committee” shall be replaced by “members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold in the committee” with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

C. In Rule 15(1), the words “at least twenty percent of Parliament’s component Members” shall be replaced by “Members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold” with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 182(2) and Rule 180a(2), the words “at least one-fifth of the component Members of Parliament” shall be replaced by “Members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold” with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 204(2), subparagraph 1 and Rule 208(2) the words “one-sixth of the committee members” or “one sixth of its members”, in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by “members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold in the committee” with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 208(3) and Rule 215(7), the words “one quarter of the members of the committee” shall be replaced by “members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold in the

committee” with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

D. This horizontal alignment of the thresholds does not prejudice the adoption, rejection or modification of the above listed Rules and amendments on aspects which are different from the thresholds.

Or. pl

Amendment 1101

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 168 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 168 a

Thresholds

1. For the purposes of these Rules, and unless specified otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "low threshold" means one-twentieth of Parliament's component Members or a political group;

(b) "medium threshold" means one tenth of Parliament's component Members or a political group;

(c) "high threshold" means one fifth of Parliament's component Members made up of one or more political groups or individual Members, or a combination of the two.

2. Where, for the purpose of determining whether an applicable threshold has been attained, a Member's signature is required, that signature may be either handwritten or in electronic form, produced by the electronic signature system of Parliament. Within the relevant time-limits, a Member may

withdraw, but may not subsequently renew, his or her signature.

3. Where the support of a political group is necessary in order for a threshold to be attained, the group shall act through its chair or through a person duly designated by him or her for that purpose.

4. The support of a political group shall be counted as follows for the application of the medium and high thresholds:

- where a Rule laying down such a threshold is invoked in the course of a sitting or meeting: all Members who belong to the supporting group and are physically present;

- in the other cases: all Members who belong to the supporting group

Horizontal alignment of Rules and amendments to the new definitions of the thresholds laid down in Rule 168a

A. In the following Rules or amendments concerning the following Rules, the words « a political group or at least 40 Members», in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold", with any necessary grammatical changes being made:

Rule 69(1)

Rule 81(2)

Rule 105(6)

Rule 108(2)

Rule 123(2)

Rule 150(2)

Rule 150(3)

Rule 153(1)

Rule 169(1) subpara. 1

Rule 170(4) subpara. 1
Rule 176(1)
Rule 188(1) subpara. 1
Rule 188(2)
Rule 189(1) subpara. 1
Rule 190(1) subpara. 1
Rule 190(4)
Rule 226(4)
Rule 231(4)
Rule 15(1) subpara.1
Rule 38(2)
Rule 38 a(1) (new)
Rule 42(2) subpara. 1 a (new)
Rule 59(1)
Rule 59 (1a) subpara. 1 (new)
Rule 59 (1b) subpara. 4 (new)
Rule 59(1b) subpara. 5 (new)
Rule 63 (4)
Rule 67a (1) (new)
Rule 67 (a2) (new)
Rule 67 (a4) (new)
Rule 88(2)
Rule 105(4)
Rule 106(4c) (new)
Rule 108 (4)
Rule 113 (4a) (new)
Rule 118 (5) subpara. 1
Rule 121(3)
Rule 122(3)
Rule 122 (a4) (new)
Rule 128(1) subpara. 1
Rule 135(1)
Rule 135(2)
Rule 137(2) subpara. 3

Rule 138(2) subpara. 3

Rule 152 (1)

Rule 154 (1)

Rule 174 (5)

Rule 174 (6)

Rule 180 (1)

Rule 187 (1) subpara. 1

Annex XVI paragraph 1 c

In Rules 88 (4) and 113 (4a), the words "at least 40 Members", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold", with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

B. In Rules 50 (1) and 50(2) subparagraph 1, the words "at least one-tenth of the members of the committee", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 73 a(2) and Rule 150(1), subparagraph 2, the words « political groups or individual Members who together constitute one-tenth of the members of Parliament", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "Members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 210 a(4), the words "three members of a committee" shall be replaced by "members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

C. In Rule 15(1), the words "at least twenty percent of Parliament's component Members" shall be replaced by "Members

or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 182(2) and Rule 180a(2), the words "at least one-fifth of the component Members of Parliament" shall be replaced by "Members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 191(1), the words "a political group or at least 40 Members" shall be replaced by "Members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 204(2), subparagraph 1 and Rule 208(2) the words "one-sixth of the committee members" or "one sixth of its members", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 208(3), the words "one quarter of the members of the committee" shall be replaced by "members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 215(7), the words "one quarter of the members of the committee" shall be replaced by "members or political group(s) reaching at least the high threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

D. This horizontal alignment of the thresholds does not prejudice the adoption, rejection or modification of the above listed Rules and amendments on aspects which are different from the thresholds.

Amendment 1102
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 168 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 168 a

Thresholds

1. For the purposes of these Rules, and unless specified otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "low threshold" means one-twentieth of Parliament's component Members or a political group;

(b) "medium threshold" means one-tenth of Parliament's component Members or one political group;

(c) "high threshold" means one-fifth of Parliament's component Members or two political groups.

2. Where, for the purpose of determining whether an applicable threshold has been attained, a Member's signature is required, that signature may be either handwritten or in electronic form, produced by the electronic signature system of Parliament. Within the relevant time-limits, a Member may withdraw, but may not subsequently renew, his or her signature.

3. Where the support of a political group is necessary in order for a threshold to be attained, the group shall act through its chair or through a person duly designated by him or her for that purpose.

Horizontal alignment of Rules and amendments to the new definitions of the

thresholds

A. In the following Rules or amendments concerning the following Rules, the words « a political group or at least 40 Members», in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold", with any necessary grammatical changes being made:

69 §1

81 §2

105 §6

108 §2

123 §2

150 §2

150 §3

153 §1

169 §1 subpara. 1

170 §4 subpara. 1

176 §1

188 §1 subpara. 1

188 §2

189 §1 subpara. 1

190 §1 subpara. 1

190 §4

226 §4

231 §4

15 §1 subpara.1

38 §2

38 a (new) 1

42 §2 subpara. 1 a (new)

59 §1

59.1a subpara. 1 (new)

59. 1 b subpara. 4 (new)

59. 1 b subpara. 5 (new)

63.4
67 a 1 (new)
67 a 2 (new)
67 a 4 (new)
88.2
105.4
106 § 4 c (new)
108 §4
113 § 4 a (new)
118 §5 subpara. 1
121 §3
122 §3
122 a 4 (new)
128 §1 subpara. 1
135 §1
135 §2
137 §2 subpara. 3
138 §2 subpara. 3
152 §1
154 §1
174 §5
174 §6
180 §1
187 §1 subpara. 1
Annex XVI §1 c

In Rules 88 (4) and 113 (4a), the words "at least 40 Members", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold", with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

B. In Rules 50 (1) and 50(2) subparagraph 1, the words "at least one-tenth of the members of the committee", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the medium

threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 73 a(2) and Rule 150(1), subparagraph 2, the words « political groups or individual Members who together constitute one-tenth of the members of Parliament", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the medium threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 210 a(4), the words "three members of a committee" shall be replaced by "a political group or Members reaching at least the medium threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

C. In Rule 15(1), the words "at least twenty percent of Parliament's component Members" shall be replaced by "two political groups or Members reaching at least the high threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 182(2) and Rule 180a(2), the words "at least one-fifth of the component Members of Parliament" shall be replaced by "two political groups or Members reaching at least the high threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 191(1), the words "a political group or at least 40 Members" shall be replaced by "two political groups or Members reaching at least the high threshold" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 204(2), subparagraph 1 and Rule 208(2) the words "one-sixth of the committee members" or "one sixth of its members", in any grammatically inflected form, shall be replaced by "two political groups or Members reaching at least the

high threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

In Rule 208(3) and Rule 215(7), the words "one quarter of the members of the committee" shall be replaced by "two political groups or Members reaching at least the high threshold in the committee" with any necessary grammatical changes being made.

D. This horizontal alignment of the thresholds does not prejudice the adoption, rejection or modification of the above listed Rules and amendments on aspects which are different from the thresholds.

Or. en

Amendment 1103
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 168 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 168a

Thresholds

1. For the purposes of these Rules, and unless specified otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) 'low threshold' means one twentieth of Parliament's component Members or a political group;

(b) 'medium threshold' means one tenth of Parliament's component Members or a political group;

(c) 'high threshold' means one fifth of Parliament's component Members, made up of one or more political groups or individual Members, or a combination of the two.

2. *Where, for the purpose of determining whether an applicable threshold has been attained, a Member's signature is required, that signature may be either handwritten or in electronic form, produced by the electronic signature system of Parliament. Within the relevant time-limits, a Member may withdraw, but may not subsequently renew, his or her signature.*

3. *Where the support of a political group is necessary in order for a threshold to be attained, the group may act through its chair or through a person duly designated by him or her for that purpose.*

4. *The support of a political group shall be counted as follows for the application of the medium and high thresholds:*

- *where a Rule laying down such a threshold is invoked in the course of a sitting or meeting: all Members who belong to the supporting group and are physically present;*
- *in all other cases: all Members who belong to the supporting group.*

Or. de

Amendment 1104

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 169 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendments for consideration in Parliament may be tabled by the committee responsible, a political group or at least 40 Members.

Amendment

Amendments for consideration in Parliament may be tabled by the committee responsible, a political group or at least 40 Members. *The names of all co-signatories shall be published.*

Justification

This is a recommendation included in the Ferrara report adopted by Parliament on 28th April 2016

Amendment 1105

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 169 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendments for consideration in Parliament may be tabled by the committee responsible, a political group or at least **40** Members.

Amendment

Amendments for consideration in Parliament may be tabled by the committee responsible, a political group or at least **25** Members.

Or. pt

Amendment 1106

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 169 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Present text

Amendments *to documents of a legislative nature within the meaning of Rule 47(1)* may be accompanied by a short justification. Such justifications shall be the responsibility of the author and shall not be put to the vote.

Amendment

Amendments may be accompanied by a short justification. Such justifications shall be the responsibility of the author and shall not be put to the vote.

Or. en

Justification

Justification of amendments should not be limited to legislative documents, in order to allow that potential sources of amendments can be made transparent on any kind of reports.

Amendment 1107
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 169 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Present text

Amendments *to documents of a legislative nature within the meaning of Rule 47(1)* may be accompanied by a short justification. Such justifications shall be the responsibility of the author and shall not be put to the vote.

Amendment

Amendments may be accompanied by a short justification. Such justifications shall be the responsibility of the author and shall not be put to the vote.

Or. de

Amendment 1108
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 169 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendments shall be put to the vote only after they have been *printed* and distributed in all the official languages, unless Parliament decides otherwise. Parliament may not decide otherwise if at least **40** Members object. Parliament shall avoid taking decisions which would place Members who use a particular language at an unacceptable disadvantage.

Amendment

Amendments shall be put to the vote only after they have been *made available* and distributed in all the official languages *at least 24 hours before the vote*, unless Parliament decides otherwise. Parliament may not decide otherwise if at least **25** Members object. Parliament shall avoid taking decisions which would place Members who use a particular language at an unacceptable disadvantage.

Or. pt

Amendment 1109
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 169 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendments shall be put to the vote only after they have been printed and distributed in all the official languages, unless Parliament decides otherwise. Parliament may not decide otherwise if **at least 40** Members object. Parliament shall avoid taking decisions which would place Members who use a particular language at an unacceptable disadvantage.

Amendment

Amendments shall be put to the vote only after they have been printed and distributed in all the official languages, unless Parliament decides otherwise. Parliament may not decide otherwise if **a political group or one twentieth of Parliament's component** Members object. Parliament shall avoid taking decisions which would place Members who use a particular language at an unacceptable disadvantage.

Or. de

Amendment 1110
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 171 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Present text

(c) third, voting on amendments to the motion for a **resolution/draft legislative** resolution,

Amendment

(c) third, voting on amendments to the motion for a resolution,

Or. en

Amendment 1111
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 171 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Parliament shall not vote on **the** explanatory statement contained in **the** report.

Amendment

Parliament shall not vote on **any** explanatory statement contained in **a** report.

Or. en

Amendment 1112

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 171 – paragraph 5

Present text

5. The only Member permitted to speak during the vote shall be the rapporteur, who shall have the opportunity of expressing briefly the views of the committee responsible on the amendments put to the vote.

Amendment

5. The only Member permitted to speak during the vote shall be the rapporteur ***or, in his justifiable absence, another Member from the same political group and appointed to that end by the rapporteur***, who shall have the opportunity of expressing briefly the views of the committee responsible on the amendments put to the vote.

Or. pt

Amendment 1113

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 173 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The committee may recommend that all or several amendments be put to the vote collectively, that they be accepted or rejected or declared void.

Amendment

The committee may, ***by roll call vote***, recommend that all or several amendments be put to the vote collectively, that they be accepted or rejected or declared void.

Or. en

Amendment 1114

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 174 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The President may put the original text to

Amendment

The President may put the original text to

the vote first, or put an amendment that is closer to the original text to the vote before the amendment that departs furthest from the original text.

the vote first, or put an amendment that is closer to the original text to the vote before the amendment that departs furthest from the original text. ***The President shall seek the agreement of Parliament before doing so.***

Or. en

Amendment 1115

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 174 – paragraph 5

Present text

5. Where the committee responsible has tabled a set of amendments to the text with which the report is concerned, the President shall put them to the vote collectively, unless a political group or at least **40** Members have requested separate votes or unless other amendments have been tabled.

Amendment

5. Where the committee responsible has tabled a set of amendments to the text with which the report is concerned, the President shall put them to the vote collectively, unless a political group or at least **25** Members have requested separate votes or unless other amendments have been tabled.

Or. pt

Amendment 1116

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 174 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The President may decide, following the adoption or rejection of a particular amendment, that several other amendments of similar content or with similar objectives shall be put to the vote collectively. The President ***may*** seek the agreement of Parliament before doing so.

Amendment

The President may decide, following the adoption or rejection of a particular amendment, that several other amendments of similar content or with similar objectives shall be put to the vote collectively. The President ***shall*** seek the agreement of Parliament before doing so.

Amendment 1117**Max Andersson**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure**Rule 175 – paragraph 1***Present text*

When more than 50 amendments *and* requests for a split or separate vote have been tabled *to a report* for consideration in Parliament, the President may, after consulting its Chair, ask *the* committee *responsible* to meet to *consider* those amendments or requests. Any amendment or request for a split or separate vote not receiving favourable votes at this stage from at least one-tenth of the members of the committee shall not be put to the vote in Parliament.

Amendment

When more than 50 amendments *or* requests for a split or separate vote have been tabled *concerning a text tabled by a committee* for consideration in Parliament, the President may, after consulting its Chair, ask *that* committee to meet to *vote on each of* those amendments or requests. Any amendment or request for a split or separate vote not receiving favourable votes at this stage from at least one-tenth of the members of the committee shall not be put to the vote in Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 1118**Petra Kammerevert, Jutta Steinruck, Evelyne Gebhardt, Constanze Krehl, Ulrike Rodust, Helga Trüpel, Silvia Costa, Evelyn Regner****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Rule 176 – paragraph 1***Present text*

1. Where the text to be put to the vote contains two or more provisions or references to two or more points or lends itself to division into two or more parts having a distinct meaning and/or normative value, a split vote may be requested by a political group or at least 40 Members.

Amendment

1. Where the text to be put to the vote contains two or more provisions or references to two or more points or lends itself to division into two or more parts having a distinct meaning and/or normative value, a split vote may be requested by a political group or at least 40 Members.
Split votes on compromise amendments shall be inadmissible.

Amendment 1119

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 176 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. Where the text to be put to the vote contains two or more provisions or references to two or more points or lends itself to division into two or more parts having a distinct meaning and/or normative value, a split vote may be requested by a political group or at least **40** Members.

Amendment

1. Where the text to be put to the vote contains two or more provisions or references to two or more points or lends itself to division into two or more parts having a distinct meaning and/or normative value, a split vote may be requested by a political group or at least **25** Members.

Or. pt

Amendment 1120

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 176 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. Where the text to be put to the vote contains two or more provisions or references to two or more points or lends itself to division into two or more parts having a distinct meaning and/or normative value, a split vote may be requested by a political group or *at least 40* Members.

Amendment

1. Where the text to be put to the vote contains two or more provisions or references to two or more points or lends itself to division into two or more parts having a distinct meaning and/or normative value, a split vote may be requested by a political group or *one twentieth of Parliament's component* Members.

Or. de

Amendment 1121

Rina Ronja Kari

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 178 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. As a general rule Parliament shall vote by *show of hands*.

Amendment

1. As a general rule, Parliament shall vote by *roll call vote*.

This paragraph shall not apply to the reports provided for in Rule 8(2) and Rule 9(3), (6) and (8) in the context of procedures relating to the immunity of a Member.

The roll call vote shall be taken using the electronic voting system. Where the latter cannot be used for technical reasons, the roll shall be called in alphabetical order, beginning with the name of a Member drawn by lot. The President shall be the last to be called to vote.

Or. en

Amendment 1122

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 178 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. As a general rule Parliament shall vote by *show of hands*.

Amendment

1. As a general rule Parliament shall vote by *roll call vote*.

Or. en

Amendment 1123

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 178 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. As a general rule Parliament shall

Amendment

1. As a general rule Parliament shall

vote by *show of hands*.

vote by *roll call*. *This shall not apply to reports under the immunity procedure.*

Or. de

Amendment 1124

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 178 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. If the President decides that the result is doubtful, a fresh vote shall be taken using the electronic voting system and, if *the latter* is not working, by sitting and standing.

Amendment

2. If the President decides that the result *of a vote by show of hands* is doubtful, a fresh vote shall be taken using the electronic voting system and, if *that system* is not working, by sitting and standing.

Or. en

Amendment 1125

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 179 – paragraph 1

Present text

When deciding on the basis of a report, Parliament shall take any single and/or final vote by roll call in accordance with Rule 180(2). The vote on amendments shall be taken by roll call only upon request made pursuant to Rule 180.

Amendment

Parliament shall take any single and/or final vote by roll call in accordance with Rule 180(2). The vote on amendments shall be taken by roll call only upon request made pursuant to Rule 180.

Or. en

Amendment 1126

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 180 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. In addition to the cases provided for under Rules 118(5), 119(5) and 179, the vote shall be taken by roll call if this is requested in writing by a political group or at least 40 Members the evening before the vote unless the President sets a different deadline.

Amendment

1. In addition to the cases provided for under Rules 118(5), 119(5), **117(2)**, and 179, the vote shall be taken by roll call if this is requested in writing by a political group or at least 40 Members the evening before the vote unless the President sets a different deadline.

Or. en

Amendment 1127
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 180 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. In addition to the cases provided for under Rules 118(5), 119(5) and 179, the vote shall be taken by roll call if this is requested in writing by a political group or at least **40** Members the evening before the vote unless the President sets a different deadline.

Amendment

1. In addition to the cases provided for under Rules 118(5), 119(5) and 179, the vote shall be taken by roll call if this is requested in writing by a political group or at least **25** Members the evening before the vote unless the President sets a different deadline.

Or. pt

Amendment 1128
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 182 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

In the case of appointments, voting shall be by secret ballot without prejudice to Rules 15(1), 199(1) and 204(2), second subparagraph.

Amendment

With the exception of the election of the President of the Commission, in the case of appointments, if requested by a majority of the component Members of Parliament,

, voting shall be by secret ballot without prejudice to Rules 15(1), 199(1) and 204(2), second subparagraph.

Or. en

Amendment 1129
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 182 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

In the case of appointments, voting shall be by secret ballot *without prejudice to Rules 15(1), 199(1) and 204(2), second subparagraph.*

Amendment

In the case of appointments, voting shall be by secret ballot *unless the Rules state otherwise.*

Or. pl

Amendment 1130
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 182 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. A request for a secret ballot shall take priority over a request for a vote by roll call.

Amendment

3. *With the exception of the election of the President of the Commission,* a request for a secret ballot shall take priority over a request for a vote by roll call.

Or. en

Amendment 1131
Jiří Pospíšil

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 183 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Once the *general debate has* been concluded, any Member may give an oral explanation on *the* final vote for not longer than one minute or give a written explanation of no more than 200 words, which shall be included in the verbatim report of proceedings.

Amendment

Once the *votes have* been concluded, any Member may give an oral explanation on *a single or* final vote *on a point presented to Parliament* for not longer than one minute or give a written explanation of no more than 200 words, which shall be included in the verbatim report of proceedings *and displayed on the Member's page on the EP website.*

Or. cs

Amendment 1132

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 183 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Once the *general debate* has been concluded, any Member may give an oral explanation on the final vote for *not* longer than one minute *or* give a written explanation of no more than 200 words, which shall be included *in the verbatim report of proceedings.*

Amendment

Once the *voting session* has been concluded, any Member may give an oral explanation on the *single and/or* final vote for no longer than one minute *concerning an item submitted to Parliament. Each Member may give one oral explanation of his or her vote per part-session.*

Any Member may give a written explanation of *vote which shall consist of* no more than 200 words *and* which shall be included *on the Members' page on Parliament's website, in a special section which is clearly distinct from the oral explanations of vote.*

Or. en

Amendment 1133

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 188 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Referral back to committee may be requested by a political group or at least **40** Members when the agenda is fixed or before the start of the debate.

Amendment

Referral back to committee may be requested by a political group or at least **25** Members when the agenda is fixed or before the start of the debate.

Or. pt

Amendment 1134

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 188 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Referral back to committee may also be requested by a political group or at least **40** Members before or during a vote. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

Amendment

2. Referral back to committee may also be requested by a political group or at least **25** Members before or during a vote. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

Or. pt

Amendment 1135

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 189 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. A debate may be closed before the list of speakers has been exhausted on a proposal from the President or at the request of a political group or at least **40** Members. Such a proposal or request shall be put to the vote immediately.

Amendment

1. A debate may be closed before the list of speakers has been exhausted on a proposal from the President or at the request of a political group or at least **25** Members. Such a proposal or request shall be put to the vote immediately.

Or. pt

Amendment 1136
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 190 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

At the start of a debate on an item on the agenda, a political group or at least **40** Members may move that the debate be adjourned to a specific date and time. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

Amendment

At the start of a debate on an item on the agenda, a political group or at least **25** Members may move that the debate be adjourned to a specific date and time. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

Or. pt

Amendment 1137
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 190 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. Before or during a vote, a political group or at least **40** Members may move that the vote be adjourned. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

Amendment

4. Before or during a vote, a political group or at least **25** Members may move that the vote be adjourned. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

Or. pt

Amendment 1138
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 191 – paragraph 1

Present text

The sitting may be suspended or closed during a debate or a vote if Parliament so decides on a proposal from the President or at the request of a political group or **at least 40** Members. Such a proposal or request

Amendment

The sitting may be suspended or closed during a debate or a vote if Parliament so decides on a proposal from the President or at the request of a political group or **one twentieth of Parliament's component**

shall be put to the vote immediately.

Members. Such a proposal or request shall be put to the vote immediately.

Or. de

Amendment 1139
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 191 – paragraph 1

Present text

The sitting may be suspended or closed during a debate or a vote if Parliament so decides on a proposal from the President or at the request of a political group or at least **40** Members. Such a proposal or request shall be put to the vote immediately.

Amendment

The sitting may be suspended or closed during a debate or a vote if Parliament so decides on a proposal from the President or at the request of a political group or at least **25** Members. Such a proposal or request shall be put to the vote immediately.

Or. pt

Amendment 1140
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 198 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

1a. The request to set up a committee of inquiry shall specify precisely the subject of the inquiry and include a detailed statement of the grounds for it. Parliament shall decide whether to set up a committee and, if it decides to do so, what its numerical strength will be.

Or. de

Amendment 1141
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 198 – paragraph 3**

Present text

3. The request to set up a committee of inquiry must specify precisely the subject of the inquiry and include a detailed statement of the grounds for it. Parliament, *on a proposal from the Conference of Presidents*, shall decide whether to set up a committee and, if it decides to do so, on its composition, in accordance with Rule 199.

Amendment

3. The request to set up a committee of inquiry must specify precisely the subject of the inquiry and include a detailed statement of the grounds for it. Parliament shall decide whether to set up a committee and, if it decides to do so, on its composition, in accordance with Rule 199.

Or. en

**Amendment 1142
Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 198 – paragraph 9 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

9a. Where alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of Union law suggest that a body or authority of a Member State could be responsible, the committee of inquiry may ask the parliament of the Member State concerned to cooperate in the investigation.

Or. de

**Amendment 1143
Helmut Scholz**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 199 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

1a. The composition of committees shall reflect political diversity in Parliament on the basis of the procedure decided by Parliament at the beginning of the parliamentary term. The proportionality of the distribution of committee seats among political groups and non-attached Members shall not depart from the nearest appropriate whole number.

Where there is no agreement among the political groups on their proportional weight within one or more specific committees, the Conference of Presidents shall decide.

Or. de

Amendment 1144

Gerolf Annemans

on behalf of the ENF Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 199 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

1a. The proportionality of the distribution of committee seats among political groups shall be aligned at the beginning of each year, in order to ensure the fair representation of political views in the committees.

Or. en

Amendment 1145

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 199 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

1b. In the absence of the full member and where substitutes either have not been appointed or are absent, the full member may arrange to be represented at meetings by another member of the same political group, or, where the member is a non-attached Member, by another non-attached Member, who shall be entitled to vote. The committee chair shall be notified accordingly at the latest before the opening of the vote or votes on the item or items for which the full member is to be replaced.

Or. de

Amendment 1146
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 199 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

2. Amendments to the proposals by the Conference of Presidents shall be admissible only if they are tabled by ***at least 40*** Members. Parliament shall vote on such amendments by secret ballot.

2. Amendments to the proposals by the Conference of Presidents shall be admissible only if they are tabled by ***a political group or one twentieth of Parliament's component*** Members. Parliament shall vote on such amendments by secret ballot.

Or. de

Amendment 1147
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 199 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. Amendments to the proposals by the Conference of Presidents shall be admissible only if they are tabled by at least **40** Members. Parliament shall vote on such amendments by secret ballot.

Amendment

2. Amendments to the proposals by the Conference of Presidents shall be admissible only if they are tabled by at least **25** Members. Parliament shall vote on such amendments by secret ballot.

Or. pt

Amendment 1148

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 201 – paragraph 5

Present text

5. Any committee may, with the agreement of Parliament's Bureau, instruct **one or more of its members** to undertake a study or fact-finding mission.

Amendment

5. Any committee may, with the agreement of Parliament's Bureau,, **and taking into account the numerical strength of the respective political groups**, instruct **Members** to undertake a study or fact-finding mission.

Or. en

Amendment 1149

Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 204 – paragraph 1

Present text

At the first committee meeting after the election of committee members pursuant to Rule 199, the committee shall elect a bureau consisting of a chair and of vice-chairs who shall be elected in separate ballots. The number of vice-chairs to be elected shall be determined by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents.

Amendment

At the first committee meeting after the election of committee members pursuant to Rule 199, the committee shall elect a bureau consisting of a chair and of vice-chairs who shall be elected in separate ballots. The number of vice-chairs to be elected shall be determined by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. ***The diversity of Parliament***

must be reflected in the composition of the bureau of each committee; it shall not be permissible to have an all male or all female bureau or for all of the Vice Presidents to come from the same Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 1150

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 204 – paragraph 1

Present text

At the first committee meeting after the election of committee members pursuant to Rule 199, the committee shall elect a bureau consisting of a chair and of vice-chairs who shall be elected in separate ballots. The number of vice-chairs to be elected shall be determined by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents.

Amendment

At the first committee meeting after the election of committee members pursuant to Rule 199, the committee shall elect a bureau consisting of a chair and of vice-chairs who shall be elected in separate ballots. The number of vice-chairs to be elected shall be determined by Parliament upon a proposal by the Conference of Presidents. *The election of committee chairs and vice-chairs shall be in accordance with the D'Hondt Method referred to in Rule 21 a.*

Or. en

Amendment 1151

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 204 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

If this is not the case, or at the request of one-sixth of the members of the committee, the election shall take place by secret ballot.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 1152

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 204 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. The chair shall direct the activities of the committee and ensure the smooth conduct of business. The chair shall guarantee the rights of Members and in particular those of Members who belong to minorities. The chair and vice-chairs shall have, mutatis mutandis, the same duties as those laid down in Rules 22 and 23 for the President and Vice-Presidents of the Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 1153

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 205 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. The political groups may designate one of their members as coordinator.

1. The political groups **and non-attached Members** may designate one of their members as coordinator.

Or. el

Amendment 1154

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 205 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. The minutes of the committee coordinators' meetings shall be translated into the official languages and distributed to all Members of the committee. Those minutes shall be made accessible to the public, with the exception of certain items of the minutes in respect of which the committee coordinators have exceptionally, for reasons of confidentiality, as laid down in Article 4(1) to (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 30 May 2001, regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, decided otherwise.

Or. en

Justification

This is a recommendation included in the Ferrara report adopted by Parliament on 28th April 2016

**Amendment 1155
Eleftherios Synadinos**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 205 – paragraph 4**

Present text

The political groups may designate a shadow rapporteur for each report to follow the progress of the relevant report and find compromises within the committee on behalf of the group. Their names shall be communicated to the committee Chair. The committee, on a proposal from the coordinators, may in particular decide to involve the shadow rapporteurs in seeking an agreement with the Council in ordinary legislative procedures.

Amendment

The political groups may designate a shadow rapporteur for each report to follow the progress of the relevant report and find compromises within the committee on behalf of the group. Their names shall be communicated to the committee Chair. The committee, on a proposal from the coordinators, may in particular decide to involve the shadow rapporteurs in seeking an agreement with the Council in ordinary legislative procedures. ***Non-attached Members may***

*appoint a shadow rapporteur after
internal consultation amongst themselves.*

Or. el

Amendment 1156
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 205 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

*Rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and
committee chairs shall only meet interest
representatives that have registered in the
Transparency Register. If, at those
meetings, interest representatives seek to
influence Union legislation, relevant
information about the meetings and about
the specific substance thereof shall be
made public on Parliament's website.*

Or. de

Amendment 1157
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 205 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

*Rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and
committee chairs shall only meet interest
representatives that have registered in the
Transparency Register and publish online
all scheduled meetings that have the
purpose of influencing Union legislation.*

Or. en

Amendment 1158

Elly Schlein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 205 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs shall only meet interest representatives that have registered in the Transparency Register and publish the details of their meetings with those representatives.

Or. en

Amendment 1159

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 205 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

All input, pertaining to the subject matter of the report, received by rapporteurs and committee chairs from individuals and organisations falling within the remit of the Transparency Register shall be collected and disclosed by Parliament. The Bureau shall take the necessary measures to enable this information to be disclosed.

Or. en

Amendment 1160

Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 205 – paragraph 4 – interpretation – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendment

Non-attached Members do not constitute a political group within the meaning of Rule 32 and they cannot therefore designate coordinators, who are the only Members entitled to attend coordinator meetings.

deleted

Or. el

Justification

*Non-attached Members should have access to and the right to speak at coordinator meetings, according to the principle of proportionality and non-discrimination.
Any exclusion of such Members would constitute an infringement of that principle.*

Amendment 1161
Eleftherios Synadinos

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 205 – paragraph 4 – interpretation – subparagraph 3

Present text

Amendment

In all cases, non-attached Members must be guaranteed access to information, in accordance with the principle of non-discrimination, through the supply of information and the presence of a member of the non-attached Members' secretariat at coordinator meetings.

In all cases, non-attached Members must be guaranteed access to information, in accordance with the principle of non-discrimination, through the supply of information and the presence of a Member of *Parliament or a member of* the non-attached Members' secretariat at coordinator meetings.

Or. el

Amendment 1162
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 207 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

The minutes of each meeting of a committee shall be *distributed* to all its

The minutes of each meeting of a committee shall be *made available* to all its

members and submitted to the committee for its approval.

members and submitted to the committee for its approval.

Or. en

Amendment 1163

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 207 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

The minutes shall also be published on Parliament's website as soon as possible.

Or. en

Amendment 1164

Rina Ronja Kari

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 208 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. Any Member may table amendments for consideration in committee.

1. Any Member, *regardless of which committee he or she belongs to*, may table amendments for consideration in committee.

Or. en

Amendment 1165

Petra Kammerevert, Jutta Steinruck, Evelyne Gebhardt, Constanze Krehl, Ulrike Rodust, Helga Trüpel, Silvia Costa, Evelyn Regner

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 209 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

Rules *14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 38 to 48, 160,*

The following Rules concerning voting,

162(2) and (10), 165, 167, 169 to 172, 174, 176(1), 177, 178, 181, 182, 184 to 187, 190 and 191 shall apply mutatis mutandis to committee meetings.

interruptive and procedural motions shall apply mutatis mutandis to committees: Rule 164a (Prevention of obstruction), Rule 168a (Thresholds), Rule 169 (Tabling and moving amendments), Rule 170 (Admissibility of amendments), Rule 171 (Voting procedure), Rule 174 (Order of voting amendments), Rule 176 (1) (Split voting), Rule 177 (Right to vote), Rule 178 (Voting), Rule 179a (Tied votes), Rule 180(2) and (2a) (Vote by roll call), Rule 180a (Voting by secret ballot), Rule 181 (Use of electronic voting system), Rule 182a (Disputes on voting), Rule 184a (Points of order), Rule 190 (Adjournment of debate or vote) and Rule 191 (Suspension or closure of the sitting).

Or. en

Justification

Taking into account the Rapporteurs proposal (AM 731) this is to clarify that the entire rule 174 shall apply mutatis mutandis to committees.

Amendment 1166
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 211 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

7a. In the event that the Commission fails to put forward a proposal for a legal act on a citizens' initiative successfully submitted to it in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 within a twelve-month period, the committee responsible may organise a hearing in consultation with the citizen's initiative organisers and, if necessary, activate the procedure laid down in Rule 46 with a view to exercising Parliament's right to request the Commission to submit an appropriate proposal.

Amendment 1167

Josep-Maria Terricabras, Barbara Spinelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 211 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

7a. In the event that the Commission fails to put forward a proposal for a legal act on a citizens' initiative successfully submitted to it in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 within a twelve-month period, the committee responsible may organise a hearing in consultation with the citizens' initiative organisers and may, if it considers this to be necessary, activate the procedure laid down in Rule 46 with a view to exercising Parliament's right to request the Commission to submit an appropriate proposal.

Or. en

Amendment 1168

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 212 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

2. Members of the delegations shall be elected after nominations have been submitted to the Conference of Presidents by the political groups and the non-attached Members. The Conference of Presidents shall submit to Parliament proposals designed to ensure as far as possible that Member States and political views are fairly represented. Rule 199(2), (3), (5) and (6) shall apply.

2. The political groups shall ensure, on a cross-group basis, that there is gender equality and a fair geographical distribution. No delegation shall include more than one third of its members having the same nationality. Rule 199 shall apply mutatis mutandis. Political diversity shall be reflected in the delegations on the basis of the procedure decided by Parliament at the beginning of

the parliamentary term.

Or. de

Amendment 1169
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 212 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

6a. *The chairperson of a delegation shall be entitled to take part (outside the quota of the political group to which he or she belongs) in committee visits to countries covered by the delegation of which he or she is chairperson.*

Or. it

Amendment 1170
Charles Goerens, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 215 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 3

Present text

Amendment

The Bureau may decide that petitions and correspondence with petitioners may be drafted in other languages used in a Member State.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 1171
Charles Goerens, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 215 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Amendment

If the committee responsible fails to reach

If the committee responsible fails to reach

a consensus on the admissibility of the petition, it shall be declared admissible at the request of *at least one quarter* of the members of the committee.

a consensus on the admissibility of the petition, it shall be declared admissible at the request of *a majority* of the members of the committee.

Or. en

Amendment 1172

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 216 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The committee may, with regard to an admissible petition, decide to *draw up an own-initiative report in accordance with Rule 52(1) or to* submit a short motion for a resolution to Parliament, provided that there is no objection by the Conference of Presidents. Such motions for resolutions shall be placed on the draft agenda for the part-session held no later than eight weeks after their adoption in committee. They shall be put to a single vote *and shall also be without debate* unless the Conference of Presidents *exceptionally* decides to *apply Rule 151*.

Amendment

The committee may, with regard to an admissible petition, decide to submit a short motion for a resolution to Parliament, provided that *the Conference of Committee Chairs is informed in advance and* there is no objection by the Conference of Presidents. Such motions for resolutions shall be placed on the draft agenda for the part-session held no later than eight weeks after their adoption in committee. They shall be put to a single vote. *Rule 151 shall apply*, unless the Conference of Presidents decides *otherwise*.

Or. en

Amendment 1173

Cecilia Wikström, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Ángela Vallina, Margrete Auken, Eleonora Evi

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 216 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

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Amendment

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Rule 52(1) or to submit a short motion for a resolution to Parliament, provided that there is no objection by the Conference of Presidents. Such motions for resolutions shall be placed on the draft agenda for the part-session held no later than eight weeks after their adoption in committee. They shall be put to a single vote and **shall also be without debate** unless **the** Conference of Presidents **exceptionally** decides **to apply Rule 151**.

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Or. en

Justification

The PETI short motion for resolution is a good tool to highlight topics of concerns for citizens. The origin of a short motion for a resolution by PETI is always a petition: a short motion for resolution addresses a topic raised in several petitions and is therefore of direct interest to many citizens. It is in the interest of the European Parliament to increase the visibility for these short motions of resolution, to show the citizens that their concerns are taken seriously and are being debated in plenary. As a general rule these short motions of resolution should therefore be followed by a debate in plenary, unless Conference of Presidents decides otherwise.

Amendment 1174

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 216 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 216 a

Fact-finding visits

1. When investigating petitions, establishing facts or seeking solutions the committee may organise fact-finding visits to the Member State or region concerned by admissible petitions that have been already debated in the committee. Fact-finding visits shall cover issues raised in several petitions whenever it is possible. The Bureau Rules governing committee delegations within the European Union

shall apply.

2. Members elected in the Member State of destination shall not be part of the delegation. They may be allowed to accompany the fact-finding visit delegation in an ex officio capacity.

3. After each visit, a mission report shall be drafted by the official members of the delegation. Such reports are drafted under the exclusive responsibility of the participants in the visit, on an equal footing, who shall seek to reach a consensus. Failing such a consensus, the mission report shall set out the divergent assessments.

Members taking part in the delegation ex officio shall not participate in the drafting of the report.

4. The mission report, including possible recommendations, shall be submitted to the committee. Members may table amendments to the recommendations, but not to the parts of the report concerning the facts established by the delegation.

The committee shall first vote on the amendments to the recommendations, if any, then on the mission report as a whole.

The mission report, if approved, shall be forwarded for information to the President.

Or. en

Amendment 1175

Margrete Auken, Cecilia Wikström, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Ángela Vallina, Eleonora Evi, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 216 a (new)

Rule 216 a

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2. Members elected in the Member State of destination shall not be part of the delegation. They may be allowed to accompany the fact-finding visit delegation in an ex officio capacity.

3. After each visit, a mission report shall be drafted by the official members of the delegation. The Head of the delegation shall coordinate the drafting of the report and shall seek consensus on its content among the official members who shall be treated on an equal footing. Failing such a consensus, the mission report shall set out the divergent assessments.

Members taking part in the delegation ex officio shall not participate in the drafting of the report.

4. The mission report, including possible recommendations, shall be submitted to the committee. Members may table amendments to the recommendations, but not to the parts of the report concerning the facts established by the delegation.

The committee shall first vote on the amendments to the recommendations, if any, then on the mission report as a whole.

The mission report, if approved, shall be forwarded for information to the

President.

Or. en

Justification

This is a small correction to the rapporteur's proposed amendment 769, concerning the new specific rule for the PETI fact-finding visits (rule 216a). Essentially, on the proposed paragraph 1 it is suggested to take away the sentence "As a general rule, fact-finding visits shall cover issues raised in several petitions". The rest of the text remains unchanged for all the four paragraphs. The reason behind this suppression is that it makes a broad consensus within the PETI committee that it should not matter when establishing a fact-finding visit whether it deals with one or more petitions. Every situation is different, since we can either receive several different petitions on a same topic, or related topics, or on the contrary one single comprehensive petition, for instance with many signatures, on an issue that would make our committee deem worth a visit by itself. In this sense it would appear wiser to keep a bit of discretion within the committee, by not making any quantitative reference at all. And this is why we suggest to delete this sentence from the original proposal by the rapporteur.

Amendment 1176

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 219 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Nominations must have the support of *at least 40 Members who are nationals of at least two Member States.*

Amendment

Nominations must have the support of *a political group or one twentieth of Parliament's component Members.*

Or. de

Amendment 1177

João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 219 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Nominations must have the support of at least **40** Members who are nationals of at least two Member States.

Amendment

Nominations must have the support of at least **25** Members who are nationals of at least two Member States.

Amendment 1178**Helmut Scholz****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Rule 219 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1***Present text*

Nominations shall be forwarded to the committee responsible, *which may ask to hear* the nominees.

Amendment

Nominations shall be forwarded to the committee responsible. *A full list of the Members who have given their support to the nominees shall be made available to the public.*

Or. de

Amendment 1179**Richard Corbett****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Rule 220 – paragraph 2***Present text*

2. *The Ombudsman shall, in accordance with Article 3(6) and (7) of the abovementioned decision, inform Parliament of cases of maladministration, on which the committee responsible may draw up a report. The Ombudsman shall also, in accordance with Article 3(8) of that decision, submit a report to Parliament at the end of each annual session on the outcome of his inquiries. The committee responsible shall draw up a report thereon which shall be submitted to Parliament for debate.*

Amendment

2. *The committee responsible shall examine cases of maladministration that it was informed about by the Ombudsman pursuant to Article 3(6) and (7) of Decision 94/262/ECSC, EC, Euratom, of 9 March 1994, on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties and may draw up a report under Rule 52.*

The committee responsible shall examine the report submitted by the Ombudsman at the end of each annual session on the outcome of his or her inquiries, in accordance with Article 3(8) of Decision 94/262/ECSC, EC, Euratom and may

submit a motion of resolution to Parliament if it considers that Parliament needs to take a position in respect of any aspect of that report.

Or. en

Justification

This AM corrects AM 780 in the draft report, in order to bring it into line with what was agreed to in Rule 132.

Amendment 1180
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 221 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. One tenth of Parliament's component Members may request the Ombudsman's dismissal if he no longer fulfils the conditions required for the performance of his duties or is guilty of serious misconduct.

Amendment

1. One tenth of Parliament's component Members *or a political group* may request the Ombudsman's dismissal if he no longer fulfils the conditions required for the performance of his duties or is guilty of serious misconduct.

Or. de

Amendment 1181
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Title XII

Present text

***POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
RELATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES
AT EUROPEAN LEVEL***

Amendment

Deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 1182
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 223

Present text

Amendment

Rule 223

Deleted

***Powers and responsibilities of the
President***

***The President shall represent Parliament
in its relations with political parties at
European level, in accordance with Rule
22(4).***

Or. pt

Amendment 1183
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 224

Present text

Amendment

Rule 224

Deleted

Powers and responsibilities of the Bureau

- 1. The Bureau shall take a decision on any application for funding submitted by a political party at European level and on the distribution of appropriations amongst the beneficiary political parties. It shall draw up a list of the beneficiaries and of the amounts allocated.***
- 2. The Bureau shall decide whether to suspend or reduce funding and whether to recover amounts which have been wrongly paid.***
- 3. After the end of the budget year the Bureau shall approve the beneficiary political parties' final activity reports and final financial statements.***
- 4. Under the terms and conditions***

laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council the Bureau may grant technical assistance to political parties at European level in accordance with their proposals. The Bureau may delegate specific types of decisions to grant technical assistance to the Secretary-General.

5. In all the cases set out in paragraphs 1 to 4 the Bureau shall act on the basis of a proposal from the Secretary-General. Except in the cases set out in paragraphs 1 and 4 the Bureau shall, before taking a decision, hear the representatives of the political party concerned. The Bureau may at any time consult the Conference of Presidents.

6. Where Parliament - following verification - establishes that a political party at European level has ceased to observe the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the rule of law, the Bureau shall decide that that political party shall be excluded from funding.

Or. pt

Amendment 1184
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 225

Present text

Amendment

Rule 225

Deleted

Powers and responsibilities of the committee responsible and of Parliament's plenary

1. At the request of one-quarter of Parliament's Members representing at least three political groups, the President,

following an exchange of views in the Conference of Presidents, shall call upon the committee responsible to verify whether or not a political party at European level is continuing (particularly in its programme and in its activities) to observe the principles upon which the European Union is founded, namely the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law.

2. Before submitting a proposal for a decision to Parliament, the committee responsible shall hear the representatives of the political party concerned. It shall ask for and consider the opinion of a committee of independent eminent persons, as provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003.

3. Parliament shall vote (by a majority of the votes cast) on the proposal for a decision establishing that the political party concerned either does or does not observe the principles set out in paragraph 1. No amendment may be tabled. In either case, if the proposal for a decision does not secure a majority, a decision to the contrary shall be deemed to have been adopted.

4. Parliament's decision shall apply with effect from the day upon which the request referred to in paragraph 1 was tabled.

5. The President shall represent Parliament on the committee of independent eminent persons.

6. The committee responsible shall draw up the report provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 on the application of that Regulation and the activities funded, and shall submit it in plenary.

Or. pt

Amendment 1185
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 226 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. Should a political group or at least 40 Members contest the committee's interpretation, the matter shall be put to the vote in Parliament. Adoption of the text shall be by a majority of the votes cast, provided that at least one third of Parliament's component Members are present. In the event of rejection, the matter shall be referred back to the committee.

Amendment

4. Should a political group or at least 40 Members contest the committee's interpretation *within a period of 24 hours following its announcement*, the matter shall be put to the vote in Parliament. Adoption of the text shall be by a majority of the votes cast, provided that at least one third of Parliament's component Members are present. In the event of rejection, the matter shall be referred back to the committee.

Or. en

Amendment 1186
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 226 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. Should a political group or at least **40** Members contest the committee's interpretation, the matter shall be put to the vote in Parliament. Adoption of the text shall be by a majority of the votes cast, provided that at least one third of Parliament's component Members are present. In the event of rejection, the matter shall be referred back to the committee.

Amendment

4. Should a political group or at least **25** Members contest the committee's interpretation, the matter shall be put to the vote in Parliament. Adoption of the text shall be by a majority of the votes cast, provided that at least one third of Parliament's component Members are present. In the event of rejection, the matter shall be referred back to the committee.

Or. pt

Amendment 1187
João Ferreira

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 231 – paragraph 4

Present text

4. The corrigendum shall be announced at the following part-session. It shall be deemed approved unless, not later than 24 hours after its announcement, a request is made by a political group or at least **40** Members that it be put to the vote. If the corrigendum is not approved, it shall be referred back to the committee responsible which may propose an amended corrigendum or close the procedure.

Amendment

4. The corrigendum shall be announced at the following part-session. It shall be deemed approved unless, not later than 24 hours after its announcement, a request is made by a political group or at least **25** Members that it be put to the vote. If the corrigendum is not approved, it shall be referred back to the committee responsible which may propose an amended corrigendum or close the procedure.

Or. pt

Amendment 1188
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ba) shall not accept any preferential treatment, advantages or payments whatsoever in return for expert advice or for making it possible in any other way for third parties to influence Union policy or decision-making;

Or. de

Amendment 1189
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ba) not hold, for the duration of the mandate, any shareholdings, office, position, paid or unpaid job, involving

fiduciary duties, that could lead to a potential or actual conflict of interest;

Or. en

Amendment 1190

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ba) not receive any kind of remuneration for any activity which purpose is to influence or enable others to influence Union policy or decision-making.

Or. en

Amendment 1191

Elly Schlein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ba) not receive any kind of payment, remuneration or gift for any activity which primary purpose is to influence Union policy or decision making.

Or. en

Amendment 1192

Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ba) not be engaged in professional lobbying or representational activities directly linked to the Union decision-making process.

Or. en

Amendment 1193

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bb) shall not accept any payment or other quid pro quo for personal appearances or speeches at, or for writing articles for, organisations whose activities are covered by the Transparency Register, with the exception of payments, by organisers, for travel and overnight accommodation expenses actually incurred in connection with such appearances or speeches;

Or. de

Amendment 1194

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bb) not accept any support, whether financial or in terms of staff or material, from third parties that is additional to that provided by Parliament and granted to the Member in connection with his or her political activities;

Amendment 1195

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bb) not receive any payment or anything of value for an appearance, speech, or article, excluding any actual and necessary travel and accommodations expenses, and gifts as defined in Article 5(1);

Or. en

Amendment 1196
Elly Schlein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bb) not receive any payment for speeches or articles, excluding necessary travel and accommodation expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 1197
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bc) proactively and effectively tackle,

and where possible prevent, any type of conflict of interests, whilst acting to avoid this kind of situation.

Or. en

Amendment 1198
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bc) shall hold no official positions in organisations whose activities are covered by the Transparency Register;

Or. de

Amendment 1199
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bc) not receive support in the form of staff or other resources from outside interests, except from political parties;

Or. en

Justification

Based on an input from ALTER EU: "Ten policy recommendations for a strengthened MEP code of conduct"

Amendment 1200
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b d (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bd) shall enter into no contractual arrangements for funding individuals from such organisations or directly employing them in their offices;

Or. de

Amendment 1201
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b d (new)

Present text

Amendment

(bd) not be remunerated for serving on a board of an association, corporation or any other entity;

Or. en

Amendment 1202
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 3 – paragraph 1

Present text

Amendment

1. A conflict of interest exists where a Member of the European Parliament has a personal interest that could improperly influence the performance of his or her duties as a Member. A conflict of interest does not exist where a Member benefits only as a member of the general public or of a broad class of persons.

1. A conflict of interest exists where a Member of the European Parliament, ***his or her spouse or partner or a member of his or her family who is a second degree relative***, has a personal interest that could improperly influence the performance of his or her duties as a Member. A conflict of interest does not exist where a Member benefits only as a member of the general public or of a broad class of persons.

Amendment 1203

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 3 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

1a. A conflict of interests shall be deemed to exist when a member :

- is employed or receives any form of benefit or reward from an industry lobby group, a lobby consultancy or any other lobby actor;

- carries on any lobbying activity or paid work to represent outside bodies, including law firms;

- holds a paid or unpaid position on an advisory or supervisory board of companies operating in the same fields that he or she is likely to regulate or which have a particular interest in influencing the parliamentary activities;
or

- owns any type of holding, including shares and stock options, or has any other financial interest in companies operating in the same fields that he or she is likely to regulate or which have a particular interest in influencing the parliamentary activities.

The Advisory Committee will lay down a non-exhaustive list of criteria to be used for identifying which activities constitute a conflict of interest.

Or. en

Amendment 1204

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 3 – paragraph 2**

Present text

2. Any Member who finds that he or she has a conflict of interest shall immediately take the necessary steps to address it, in accordance with the principles and provisions of this Code of Conduct. If the Member is unable to resolve the conflict of interest, he or she shall report this to the President in writing. In cases of ambiguity, the Member may seek advice in confidence from the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, established under Article 7.

Amendment

2. Any Member who finds that he or she has a conflict of interest shall immediately take the necessary steps to address it, in accordance with the principles and provisions of this Code of Conduct. If the Member is unable to resolve the conflict of interest, he or she shall report this to the President in writing. ***The President shall refer the matter to the Advisory Committee and, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 and shall take all necessary steps to address and resolve the conflict of interests.*** In cases of ambiguity, the Member may seek advice in confidence from the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, established under Article 7.

Or. en

Amendment 1205

Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy, Lynn Boylan, Liadh Ní Riada

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

(ca) Members are banned from having remunerated positions with companies or other organisations involved in influencing the Parliament.

Or. en

Justification

Amendment suggested by the Corporate Europe Observatory and ALTER-EU

Amendment 1206

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Present text

(e) any occasional remunerated outside activity (including writing, lecturing or the provision of expert advice), *if the total remuneration exceeds EUR 5 000 in a calendar year,*

Amendment

(e) any occasional remunerated outside activity (including writing, lecturing or the provision of expert advice),

Or. en

Amendment 1207

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point g

Present text

(g) *any support, whether financial or in terms of staff or material, additional to that provided by Parliament and granted to the Member in connection with his or her political activities by third parties, whose identity shall be disclosed,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 1208

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point h a (new)

Present text

Amendment

(ha) property owned by the Member;

Or. en

Justification

Similar requirements are included in the French and UK laws on conflict of interests.

Amendment 1209

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point h b (new)

Present text

Amendment

(hb) the Member's debts or liabilities

Or. en

Justification

Similar requirements are included in the French and UK laws on conflict of interests

Amendment 1210

Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy, Lynn Boylan, Liadh Ní Riada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Present text

Amendment

Any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared in accordance with the first subparagraph shall be placed in one of the following categories:

Members shall specify the exact amount that they earn as a result of outside financial interests rather than declaring approximate amounts expressed in the form of simple bandwidths.

Or. en

Justification

Amendment suggested by Corporate Europe Observatory and ALTER-EU

Amendment 1211

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Present text

Any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared in accordance with the first subparagraph shall be *placed in one of the following categories*:

Amendment

Any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared in accordance with the first subparagraph shall be *reported in the form of precise amounts*.

Or. en

Amendment 1212

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Present text

Any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared in accordance with the first subparagraph *shall be placed in one of the following categories*:

Amendment

The actual amount shall be given of any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared in accordance with the first subparagraph.

Or. de

Amendment 1213

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 1

Present text

– *EUR 500 to EUR 1 000 a month;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 1214

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 1

<i>Present text</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
– <i>EUR 500 to EUR 1 000 a month;</i>	<i>deleted</i>

Or. en

Amendment 1215
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 2

<i>Present text</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
– <i>EUR 1 001 to EUR 5 000 a month;</i>	<i>deleted</i>

Or. de

Amendment 1216
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 2

<i>Present text</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
– <i>EUR 1 001 to EUR 5 000 a month;</i>	<i>deleted</i>

Or. en

Amendment 1217
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 3

Present text

Amendment

– *EUR 5 001 to EUR 10 000 a month;* *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 1218

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 3

Present text

Amendment

– *EUR 5 001 to EUR 10 000 a month;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 1219

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 4

Present text

Amendment

– *more than EUR 10 000 a month.* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 1220

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 4

Present text

Amendment

– *more than EUR 10 000 a month.*

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 1221

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 3

Present text

Amendment

3. The information provided to the President in line with this Article shall be published on Parliament's website in an easily accessible manner.

3. The information provided to the President in line with this Article shall be published on Parliament's website in an easily accessible manner, *with sufficiently comprehensive information to allow citizens to understand the effective meaning of side jobs and to what extent they might, or might not, constitute a conflict of interest.*

Or. en

Amendment 1222

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 3

Present text

Amendment

3. The information provided to the President in line with this Article shall be published on Parliament's website in an easily accessible manner.

3. The information provided to the President *on Members' financial interests* in line with this Article shall be *translated into the Union's official languages and* published on Parliament's website in an easily accessible manner *and in an open and machine-readable format.*

Or. de

Amendment 1223
Elly Schlein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. The information provided to the President in line with this Article shall be published on Parliament's website in an easily accessible manner.

Amendment

3. The information provided to the President in line with this Article shall be published on Parliament's website in an easily accessible manner, ***including all relevant elements on side activities that might constitute a conflict of interests.***

Or. en

Amendment 1224
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. Declarations of financial interest shall be translated at least into English, French and German and be made available in an open and machine readable format.

Or. en

Amendment 1225
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. At the end of the year, Members

shall notify the President of their income tax return and patrimonial situation.

Or. en

Amendment 1226

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 4**

Present text

4. Members may not be elected as office-holders of Parliament or of one of its bodies, be appointed as a rapporteur or participate in an official delegation, if they have not submitted their declaration of financial interests.

Amendment

4. Members may not be elected as office-holders of Parliament or of one of its bodies, be appointed as a rapporteur or ***be designated as shadow rapporteur or*** participate in an official delegation, if they have not submitted their declaration of financial interests, ***their income tax return and a declaration of their patrimonial situation. If elected or appointed, they shall be deprived of their office if they fail to notify the President of any changes that might have an influence on their declaration within 30 days of each change occurring, in accordance with paragraph 1, or to communicate their annual income tax return and a declaration of their patrimonial situation in accordance with paragraph 3a.***

Or. en

Amendment 1227

Richard Corbett

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

4a. Where appropriate, Rapporteurs may list, in the explanatory statement to

the report, representatives of outside interests who have been consulted on matters pertaining to the subject of the report.

Or. en

Amendment 1228
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Article 4a

Declaration by rapporteurs and committee chairs

Committee chairs and Members appointed to draw up reports and opinions on behalf of Parliament shall publish, in an annex to the document in question, a list of external interest representatives they have met while working on the report or opinion concerned where the aim of such meetings, for the interest representatives, was to exert substantive influence over the relevant report or opinion.

Or. de

Amendment 1229
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Article 4 a

Declaration by rapporteurs and committee chairs

1. *Rapporteurs and committee chairs shall sign a declaration of independence when taking up office.*

2. *Rapporteur and committee chairs shall list in an attachment to the report any meeting they have had with representatives of outside interests pertaining to the subject matter of the report.*

Or. en

Amendment 1230

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex I – Article 6 – paragraph 1

Present text

Former Members of the European Parliament who engage in professional lobbying or representational activities directly linked to the European Union decision-making process may not, throughout the period in which they engage in those activities, benefit from the facilities granted to former Members under the rules laid down by the Bureau to that effect²⁵.

Amendment

1. Former Members of the European Parliament who engage in professional lobbying or representational activities directly linked to the European Union decision-making process may not, throughout the period in which they engage in those activities, benefit from the facilities granted to former Members under the rules laid down by the Bureau to that effect²⁵.

2. *During a period of equivalent length to that during which former Members are eligible for a transitional allowance as defined in Article 13(2) of the Statute for Members of the European Parliament, they shall receive no remuneration of any kind for any activity of which purpose is to influence or enable others to influence Union policy or decision-making.*

3. *Without prejudice to paragraph 1, former Members shall notify the Parliament of any post-term-of-office occupation that they intend to take up. The Advisory Committee shall look into*

these notifications to determine whether their purpose is to influence or enable others to influence Union policy or decision-making. In such cases, the names of the former Members concerned shall be published.

²⁵ Bureau Decision of 12 April 1999.

²⁵ Bureau Decision of 12 April 1999.

Or. en

Amendment 1231
Richard Corbett

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 6 – paragraph 1

Present text

Former Members of the European Parliament who engage in professional lobbying or representational activities directly linked to the European Union decision-making process may not, throughout the period in which they engage in those activities, benefit from the facilities granted to former Members under the rules laid down by the Bureau to that effect²⁵.

²⁵ Bureau Decision of 12 April 1999.

Amendment

Former Members of the European Parliament who engage in professional lobbying or representational activities directly linked to the European Union decision-making process *shall inform the European Parliament thereof and* may not, throughout the period in which they engage in those activities, benefit from the facilities granted to former Members under the rules laid down by the Bureau to that effect²⁵.

²⁵ Bureau Decision of 12 April 1999.

Or. en

Amendment 1232
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

In that case, the Advisory Committee and the other competent parliamentary bodies shall scrutinise the behaviour of former Members, including the use of the official badge, to prevent and avoid any conflict of interests that could arise.

Or. en

Amendment 1233

Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy, Lynn Boylan, Liadh Ní Riada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

The Parliament shall introduce a two year cooling-off period for Members taking any paid work involving EU lobbying, or any other paid work which involved a possible conflict of interests with their former work as a Member of the European Parliament .

Or. en

Justification

Amendment suggested by the Corporate Europe Observatory and ALTER-EU

Amendment 1234

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – title

Present text

Amendment

Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members

Ethics Committee

Amendment 1235

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. An *Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members ('the Advisory Committee')* is hereby established.

Amendment

1. An *Ethics* Committee is hereby established.

Or. en

Amendment 1236

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 1

Present text

1. An Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members ('the Advisory Committee') *is hereby established.*

Amendment

1. An Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members ('the Advisory Committee') *shall be appointed at the start of a new parliamentary term.*

Or. de

Amendment 1237

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The *Advisory* Committee shall be composed of five members, appointed by

Amendment

The *Ethics* Committee shall be composed of five members, appointed by the *Bureau*

the *President at the beginning of his or her term of office from amongst* the members of the bureaux and the coordinators of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs, *taking due account of the Members' experience and of political balance*.

after consulting the members of the bureaux and the coordinators of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The members of the Ethics Committee shall be chosen from among persons who are Union citizens, have full civil and political rights, and offer every guarantee of independence. They shall not be sitting MEPs. They shall comprise:

- *at least one member who has held high judicial office*
- *at least one member who is a qualified auditor*
- *at least one member who is a former Member of the European Parliament*
- *at least one member with outside experience of preventing corruption in companies or from a civil society organisation working on parliamentary ethics*

Or. en

Justification

Based on an input by Transparency International

Amendment 1238 Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of five members, appointed by the *President at the beginning of his or her term of office from amongst* the

Amendment

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of five members, appointed by the *Bureau after consulting* the *chairs* and coordinators of the Committee on

members of the bureaux and the coordinators of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs, taking due account of the Members' experience and of political balance.

Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Members of the Advisory Committee shall be Union citizens, enjoy full civic and political rights and, as regards their reputation, stand for the complete independence of their office. Members of the Advisory Committee may not be Members of the European Parliament during the term in question.

The Advisory Committee should at least comprise individuals who:

- *have held high judicial office;*
- *have worked as a certified auditor;*
- *have been an elected Member of the European Parliament; or*
- *have an outsider's expert insight into, or experience in, the area of combating corporate corruption or of parliamentary ethics.*

Or. de

Amendment 1239

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of five members, appointed by the President at the beginning of his or her term of office from amongst *the members of the bureaux and the coordinators of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs, taking due account of the Members' experience and of political balance.*

Amendment

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of five members, appointed by the President at the beginning of his or her term of office from amongst *well-known and independent ethic experts, selected by means of a public and open selection of curricula vitae carried out by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs.*

Amendment 1240

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Each member of the *Advisory* Committee shall serve as chair for six months on a rotating basis.

Amendment

Each member of the *Ethics* Committee shall serve as chair for six months on a rotating basis.

Amendment 1241

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 3

Present text

3. The President shall also, at the beginning of his or her term of office, nominate reserve members for the Advisory Committee, one for each political group not represented in the Advisory Committee.

In the event of an alleged breach of this Code of Conduct by a member of a political group not represented in the Advisory Committee, the relevant reserve member shall serve as a sixth full member of the Advisory Committee for the purposes of investigation of that alleged breach.

Amendment

deleted

Justification

Consequence of the previous amendment

Amendment 1242

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

Present text

The President shall also, at the beginning of his or her term of office, nominate reserve members for the Advisory Committee, one for each political group not represented in the Advisory Committee. *deleted*

Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 1243

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

Present text

The President shall also, at the beginning of his or her term of office, ***nominate*** reserve members for the Advisory Committee, ***one for each political group not represented in the Advisory Committee.***

Amendment

The President shall also, at the beginning of his or her term of office, ***appoint three*** reserve members for the Advisory Committee ***in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 2.***

Or. en

Amendment 1244

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

Present text

Amendment

In the event of an alleged breach of this Code of Conduct by a member of a political group not represented in the Advisory Committee, the relevant reserve member shall serve as a sixth full member of the Advisory Committee for the purposes of investigation of that alleged breach.

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 1245

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Present text

Amendment

Upon request by a Member, the ***Advisory*** Committee shall give him or her, in confidence and within 30 calendar days, guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of this Code of Conduct. The Member in question shall be entitled to rely on such guidance.

Upon request by a Member, the ***Ethics*** Committee shall give him or her, in confidence and within 30 calendar days, guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of this Code of Conduct. The Member in question shall be entitled to rely on such guidance.

Or. en

Amendment 1246

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

Amendment

At the request of the President, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and advise the President on possible action

At the request of the President, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and advise the President on possible action

to be taken.

to be taken. *The Advisory Committee may on its own initiative conduct checks to verify the plausibility and the accuracy of data provided in the declarations submitted by Members and to investigate any inconsistencies therein.*

Or. en

Amendment 1247

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

At the request of the President, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and *advise* the President on possible action to be taken.

Amendment

At the request of the President *or on its own initiative*, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and *submit to* the President *a specific proposal for a decision* on possible action to be taken.

Or. de

Amendment 1248

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

At the request of the President, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and advise the President on possible action to be taken.

Amendment

At the request of the President, *or on its own initiative*, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and advise the President on possible action to be taken.

Or. en

Amendment 1249
Elly Schlein

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Present text

At the request of the President, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and advise the President on possible action to be taken.

Amendment

At the request of the President, ***or on its own initiative***, the Advisory Committee shall also assess alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct and advise the President on possible action to be taken.

Or. en

Amendment 1250
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. At the start of its term of office, the Advisory Committee shall draw up, verify or amend a list of criteria on the basis of which it can be established what types of activity engaged in by a Member may lead to a conflict of interest.

Or. de

Amendment 1251
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 5

Present text

Amendment

5. The Advisory Committee may, after consulting the President, seek advice from outside experts.

deleted

Amendment 1252

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 5**

Present text

5. The Advisory Committee *may*, *after consulting the President, seek advice from outside experts.*

Amendment

5. The Advisory Committee *shall be provided with a secretariat and the appropriate means to carry out its tasks.*

Or. en

Amendment 1253

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 5**

Present text

5. The *Advisory* Committee may, after consulting the President, seek advice from outside experts.

Amendment

5. The *Ethics* Committee may, after consulting the President, seek advice from outside experts.

Or. en

Amendment 1254

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

5a. At the beginning of its mandate, the Ethics Committee shall draw up a list of criteria to be used for the purpose of

establishing whether certain types of activity could result in a conflict of interests.

Or. en

Amendment 1255

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 5 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

5b. Every year, the Ethics Committee shall verify the accuracy of at least 25 % of the declarations submitted by Members pursuant to Article 4.

Or. en

Amendment 1256

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 6

Present text

Amendment

6. The *Advisory* Committee shall publish an annual report of its work.

6. The *Ethics* Committee shall publish an annual report of its work, *which shall also include recommendations for improving the compliance of Members with this Code of Conduct, notably by clarifying its content when necessary.*

Or. en

Amendment 1257

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, *the President may refer the matter to the Advisory Committee.*

Amendment

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the Advisory Committee *may, on its own initiative or at the request of the President, investigate the details of the breach.*

Or. pl

Amendment 1258

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the President may refer the matter to the Advisory Committee.

Amendment

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the President may refer the matter to the Advisory Committee. *When doing do, the President shall issue a reasoned decision.*

Or. en

Amendment 1259

Elly Schlein

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the *President may refer the matter to the Advisory Committee.*

Amendment

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the *Advisory Committee, on its own initiative or at the request of the President, may*

investigate the matter.

Or. en

Amendment 1260

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the *President may refer the matter to the Advisory Committee.*

Amendment

1. Where there is reason to think that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the *Ethics Committee, on its own initiative or at the request of the President, may investigate the matter.*

Or. en

Amendment 1261

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

1a. Any citizen may provide the Advisory Committee with substantiated information on a suspected breach of the current code of conduct by a Member of the European Parliament.

Or. pl

Amendment 1262

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Present text

Amendment

1a. Where there is sufficient real evidence to substantiate an alleged breach of the provisions of the Code of Conduct, the Advisory Committee may conduct investigations independently.

Or. de

Amendment 1263

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

1a. Anyone may lodge a complaint to the Ethics Committee, substantiated by material facts, about a suspected breach of this Code of Conduct.

Or. en

Justification

Based on an input from ALTER EU: "Ten policy recommendations for a strengthened MEP Code of Conduct"

Amendment 1264

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 2

Present text

Amendment

2. The Advisory Committee shall examine the circumstances of the alleged breach, and may hear the Member concerned. On the basis of the conclusions of its findings, it shall make a

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recommendation to the President on a possible decision.

recommendation, *in writing*, to the President on a possible decision.

Or. en

Amendment 1265
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The Advisory Committee shall examine the circumstances of the alleged breach, and may hear the Member concerned. On the basis of the conclusions of its findings, it shall *make a recommendation to the President on a possible decision*.

Amendment

2. The Advisory Committee shall examine the circumstances of the alleged breach, and may hear the Member concerned. On the basis of the conclusions of its findings, it shall *submit a specific proposal for a decision to the President*.

Or. de

Amendment 1266
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 2

Present text

2. The *Advisory* Committee shall examine the circumstances of the alleged breach, and may hear the Member concerned. On the basis of the conclusions of its findings, it shall make a recommendation to the President on a possible decision.

Amendment

2. The *Ethics* Committee shall examine the circumstances of the alleged breach, and may hear the Member concerned. On the basis of the conclusions of its findings, it shall make a recommendation to the President on a possible decision.

Or. en

Amendment 1267
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall notify to the Member.

Amendment

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall notify to the Member. ***If the President's decision is at odds with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, that decision must be duly substantiated and published together with the content of the Advisory Committee's recommendation.***

Or. pl

Amendment 1268
Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall notify to the Member.

Amendment

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall notify to the Member. ***The President shall also issue a reasoned decision if he or she concludes there is no breach of the Code of Conduct against the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. Such reasoned decisions shall be made public.***

Or. en

Amendment 1269

Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall notify to the Member.

Amendment

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall notify to the Member. ***If the President decides not to follow the recommendation of the Ethics Committee to impose a penalty, the advice of the Ethics Committee and the reasoning of the President shall be made public.***

Or. en

Amendment 1270

Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Present text

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a penalty, which he shall ***notify to*** the Member.

Amendment

If, taking into account that recommendation, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached the Code of Conduct, he shall, after hearing the Member, adopt a reasoned decision laying down a ***proposed*** penalty, ***about*** which he shall ***inform*** the Member.

Or. de

Amendment 1271

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The penalty may consist of one or more of the measures listed in Rule 166(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

Amendment

The penalty may consist of one or more of the measures listed in Rule 166(3) of the Rules of Procedure. ***In most serious cases, the penalty may consist of the suspension of the right to vote in committee and/or plenary until the Member has resolved the conflict of interest. Any measure or penalty imposed on the Member shall be made public.***

Or. en

Amendment 1272
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Present text

The penalty may consist of one or more of the measures listed in Rule 166(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

Amendment

The ***proposed*** penalty may consist of one or more of the measures listed in Rule 166(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

Or. de

Amendment 1273
Helmut Scholz

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Should the President intend not to act on the Advisory Committee's proposal for a decision on a possible penalty, the Advisory Committee's recommendation and a statement of the President's reasons shall be made public.

Amendment 1274

Helmut Scholz

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 5**

Present text

5. After the expiry of the time-limits laid down in Rule 167 of the Rules of the Procedure, any penalty imposed on a Member shall be **announced** by the President **in** plenary and prominently published on Parliament's website for the remainder of the parliamentary term.

Amendment

5. After the expiry of the time-limits laid down in Rule 167 of the Rules of the Procedure, any **proposed** penalty **to be** imposed on a Member shall be **submitted** by the President **to** plenary **for a decision** and, **after the relevant decision has been taken, shall be** prominently published on Parliament's website for the remainder of the parliamentary term.

Or. de

Amendment 1275

Daniel Caspary

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex III – title 1**

Present text

Criteria for questions for written answer under Rules 130 and 131

Amendment

Criteria for questions for written answer under Rules 130, **130a**, **130b** and 131

Or. en

Amendment 1276

Beatrix von Storch

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex VI – heading XIX**

Present text

Amendment

XIX. Committee on Women's Rights and
Gender Equality

XIX. Committee on Women's Rights and
Equal Opportunities for Men and Women

Or. de

Amendment 1277

Max Andersson

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Pascal Durand, Evelyn Regner, Mady Delvaux, Jean-Marie Cavada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex XVI – paragraph 1 – point a – interpretation

Present text

Amendment

Scrutiny of the declaration of financial interests of a Commissioner-designate by the committee responsible for legal affairs consists not only in verifying that the declaration has been duly completed but also in assessing whether a conflict of interests may be inferred from the content of the declaration. It is then for the committee responsible for the hearing to decide whether or not it requires further information from the Commissioner-designate.

The Committee responsible for Legal Affairs *shall carry out a substantive analysis of the declarations of financial interests by means of an in-depth examination aimed at assessing whether the content of the declaration made by a Commissioner-designate is accurate and complete, and whether it is possible to infer a conflict of interests.*

Or. en

Amendment 1278

Pascal Durand, Max Andersson, Evelyn Regner, Mady Delvaux, Jean-Marie Cavada

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex XVI – paragraph 1 – point a – interpretation –subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

The confirmation by the Committee responsible for Legal Affairs of the absence of any conflict of interests is an essential precondition for the holding of the hearing by the committee responsible. In the absence of such confirmation or if

the Committee responsible for Legal Affairs identifies a conflict of interests, the procedure for appointing the Commissioner-designate shall be suspended.

Or. en

Amendment 1279

Pascal Durand, Max Andersson, Evelyn Regner, Mady Delvaux, Jean-Marie Cavada

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex XVI – paragraph 6 b (new)**

Present text

Amendment

The following guidelines shall be applied when the declarations of financial interests are scrutinised by the Committee responsible for Legal Affairs:

(a) if, when scrutinising a declaration of financial interests, the Committee responsible for Legal Affairs deems, on the basis of the documents presented, the declaration to be accurate, complete and to contain nothing indicating an actual or potential conflict of interests in connection with the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate, its Chair shall send a letter confirming this fact to the committees responsible for the hearing or to the committees involved in the event of a procedure taking place during a Commissioner's term of office;

(b) if the Committee responsible for Legal Affairs deems the declaration of interests of a Commissioner-designate to contain information which is incomplete or contradictory, or if there is a need for further information, it shall request this information from the Commissioner-designate and shall consider this before making its decision;

(c) if the Committee responsible for Legal Affairs identifies a conflict of interests based on the declaration of

financial interests or the supplementary information supplied by the Commissioner-designate, it shall draw up recommendations aimed at resolving the conflict of interests; the recommendations may include renouncing the financial interests in question and/or changes being made to the portfolio of the Commissioner-designate by the President of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 1280

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex XVI – paragraph 1 – point c – subparagraph 1

Present text

The Chair and coordinators shall meet without delay after the hearing to evaluate the individual Commissioners-designate. Those meetings shall be *held in camera*. The coordinators shall be invited to state whether, in their opinion, the Commissioners-designate are qualified both to be members of the College and to carry out the particular duties they have been assigned. The Conference of Committee Chairs shall design a pro forma template to assist the evaluation.

Amendment

The Chair and coordinators shall meet without delay after the hearing to evaluate the individual Commissioners-designate. Those meetings shall be *public*. The coordinators shall be invited to state whether, in their opinion, the Commissioners-designate are qualified both to be members of the College and to carry out the particular duties they have been assigned. The Conference of Committee Chairs shall design a pro forma template to assist the evaluation. *A record of such statements shall be kept and shall be made public.*

Or. en

Amendment 1281

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex XVI – paragraph 1 – point c – subparagraph 4

Present text

Where committees require further information in order to complete their evaluation, the President shall write on their behalf to the President-elect of the Commission. The coordinators shall take the latter's reply into consideration.

Amendment

Where committees require further information in order to complete their evaluation, the President shall write on their behalf to the President-elect of the Commission. The ***decision whether to request further information shall be recorded and made public.*** The coordinators shall take the latter's reply into consideration.

Or. en

Amendment 1282

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex XVI – paragraph 1 – point c – subparagraph 5

Present text

If the coordinators are unable to reach a consensus on the evaluation, or at the request of one political group, the Chair shall convene a full committee meeting. ***As a last resort***, the Chair shall put the two decisions to the vote by ***secret ballot***.

Amendment

If the coordinators are unable to reach a consensus on the evaluation, or at the request of one political group, the Chair shall convene a full committee meeting. ***Following the debate during that meeting***, the Chair shall put the two decisions to the vote by ***roll call***.

Or. en

Amendment 1283

Isabella Adinolfi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, David Borrelli

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex XVI – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Present text

By way of derogation from the procedure laid down in paragraph 1(c), eighth subparagraph, when the vote in plenary concerns the appointment of a single

Amendment

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Commissioner, the vote shall be by secret ballot.

Or. en