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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Adaptation of the Rules of Procedure to the Treaty of Lisbon

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**European Parliament decision of 15 June 2010 on the adaptation of Parliament's Rules of Procedure
to the Treaty of Lisbon (2009/2062(REG))**

(2011/C 236 E/29)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 211 and 212 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs incorporating the amendments proposed by the Committee on Budgets in its opinion of 31 March 2009 (A7-0043/2009),
 - having regard to its decision of 25 November 2009 on the adaptation of Parliament's Rules of Procedure to the Treaty of Lisbon ⁽¹⁾,
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as shown below;
 2. Points out that the amendments will enter into force on the first day of the next part-session;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.

PRESENT TEXT

AMENDMENT

Amendment 1
Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 7 – paragraph 2

2. The committee shall make a proposal for a decision which **simply** recommends the adoption or rejection of the request for the waiver of immunity or for the defence of immunity and privileges.

2. The committee shall make a proposal for a **reasoned** decision which recommends the adoption or rejection of the request for the waiver of immunity or for the defence of immunity and privileges.

⁽¹⁾ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2009)0088.

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PRESENT TEXT

AMENDMENT

Amendment 121

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 8

Unless otherwise stipulated, the rules governing implementation of the Statute for Members of the European Parliament shall be laid down by the Bureau.

Parliament shall adopt the Statute for Members of the European Parliament and any modification thereof on the basis of a proposal by the committee responsible. Rule 138(1) shall apply mutatis mutandis. The Bureau shall be responsible for the application of these rules and shall decide on the financial envelopes on the basis of the annual budget.

Amendment 4

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 23 – paragraph 2 and paragraph 2 a (new)

2. The Bureau shall take financial, organisational and administrative decisions on matters concerning **Members and** the internal organisation of Parliament, its Secretariat and its bodies.

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2a. The Bureau shall take financial, organisational and administrative decisions on matters concerning Members on a proposal of the Secretary-General or a political group.

Amendment 5

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 23 – paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. The Bureau shall nominate two Vice-Presidents who shall be entrusted with the implementation of relations with national parliaments.

They shall report back regularly to the Conference of Presidents on their activities in this regard.

(The second and third sentences of Rule 25(3) shall be deleted.)

Amendment 86

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 24 – paragraph 2

2. The non-attached Members *shall delegate one of their numbers* to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, without having the right to vote.

2. The **President of Parliament shall invite one of the** non-attached Members to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, without having the right to vote.

Amendment 117

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 37 a (new)

Rule 37a

Delegation of legislative powers

1. When scrutinising a proposal for a legislative act which delegates powers to the Commission as provided for in Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Parliament shall pay particular attention to the objectives, content, scope and duration of the delegation, and to the conditions to which it is subject.

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AMENDMENT

2. *The committee responsible for the subject-matter may at any time request the opinion of the committee responsible for the interpretation and application of Union law.*

3. *The committee responsible for the interpretation and application of Union law may also, on its own initiative, take up questions concerning the delegation of legislative powers. In such cases it shall duly inform the committee responsible for the subject-matter.*

Amendment 10

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 56 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

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Amendment 113

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 74 a – paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. *Where Parliament is consulted, in accordance with Article 48(3) of the Treaty on European Union, on a proposal for a decision of the European Council in favour of examining amendments to the Treaties, the matter shall be referred to the committee responsible. The committee shall draw up a report comprising:*

- *a motion for a resolution which states whether Parliament approves or rejects the proposed decision and which may contain proposals for the attention of the Convention or of the conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States;*
- *if appropriate, an explanatory statement.*

Amendment 114

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 74 b – paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. *Where Parliament is consulted, in accordance with Article 48(6) of the Treaty on European Union, on a proposal for a decision of the European Council amending Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Rule 74a(1a) shall apply mutatis mutandis. In that event, the motion for a resolution may contain proposals for amendments only of provisions of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.*

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AMENDMENT

Amendment 118
Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 96

1. When Parliament is consulted pursuant to Article 36 of the Treaty on European Union, the matter shall be referred to the committee responsible which may make recommendations pursuant to Rule 97.

2. The committees concerned shall seek to ensure that the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, **the Council and the Commission provide** them with regular and timely information on the development and implementation of the Union's common foreign and security policy, on the costs envisaged each time that a decision entailing expenditure is adopted under that policy and on any other financial considerations relating to the implementation of actions under that policy. Exceptionally, at the request of **the Commission, the Council or** the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative, a committee may decide to hold its proceedings in camera.

3. Twice a year, a debate shall be held on the consultative document drawn up by the Vice-President/High Representative on the main aspects and basic choices of the common foreign and security policy, including the common security and defence policy and the financial implications for the Union budget. The procedures laid down in Rule 110 shall apply.

(See also interpretation under Rule 121.)

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(See also interpretation under Rule 121.)

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Amendment 116
Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Title IV – Chapter 3 – title

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION AND THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Amendment 107
Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 116

1. Question Time with the Council and the Commission shall be held at each part-session at times decided by Parliament on a proposal from the Conference of Presidents. **A specific period of time may be set aside for questions to the President and individual Members of the Commission.**

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2. No Member may put more than one question to the Council and one question to the Commission at any given part-session.

3. Questions shall be submitted in writing to the President, who shall rule on their admissibility and on the order in which they are to be taken. The questioner shall be notified immediately of this decision.

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5. In accordance with guidelines established by the Conference of Presidents, specific question hours may be held with the President of the Commission, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the Eurogroup.

(Annex II Point 15 (Format) is to be deleted.)

Amendment 108

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 117 – title and paragraph 1**

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Amendment 115

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 117 – paragraph 2**

2. Questions shall be submitted in writing to the President who shall forward them to the **institution concerned**. Doubts concerning the admissibility of a question shall be settled by the President. The questioner shall be notified of his decision.

2. Questions shall be submitted in writing to the President who shall forward them to the **addressees**. Doubts concerning the admissibility of a question shall be settled by the President. The questioner shall be notified of his decision.

(Horizontal amendment: the words 'institution concerned' shall be replaced in Rule 117(2) and (4) and points 1 and 3 of Annex III to the Rules of Procedure by the word 'addressees'.)

Amendment 110

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 130 – paragraphs 1 a, 1 b, 1 c (new)**

1a. The organisation and promotion of effective and regular interparliamentary cooperation within the Union, pursuant to Article 9 of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments in the European Union, shall be negotiated on the basis of a mandate given by the Conference of Presidents, after consulting the Conference of Committee Chairs.

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AMENDMENT

Parliament shall approve any agreements on such matters in accordance with the procedure set out in Rule 127.

1b. A committee may directly engage in a dialogue with national parliaments at committee level within the limits of budgetary appropriations set aside for this purpose. This may include appropriate forms of pre-legislative and post-legislative cooperation.

1c. Any document concerning a legislative procedure at Union level which is officially transmitted by a national parliament to the European Parliament shall be forwarded to the committee responsible for the subject-matter dealt with in that document.

Amendment 112

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 131

1. On a proposal from the President, the Conference of Presidents shall name the members of, and may confer a mandate on, Parliament's delegation to COSAC. The delegation shall be headed by **one of the Vice-Presidents** responsible for implementation of relations with the national parliaments.

2. The other members of the delegation shall be chosen in the light of the subjects to be discussed at the COSAC meeting, **taking due account of the overall political balance within Parliament.** A report shall be submitted by the delegation after each meeting.

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2 The other members of the delegation shall be chosen in the light of the subjects to be discussed at the COSAC meeting **and shall comprise, as far as possible, representatives of the committees responsible for those subjects.** A report shall be submitted by the delegation after each meeting.

3. Due account shall be taken of the overall political balance within Parliament.

Amendment 66

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 191 – paragraph 1

1. At the first committee meeting after the election of committee members pursuant to Rule 186, the committee shall elect a bureau consisting of a chair and **one, two or three** vice-chairs who shall be elected in separate ballots.

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Amendment 109

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex III – point 1 – indent -1 (new)

— **clearly specify the addressee to whom they are to be transmitted through the usual interinstitutional channels;**