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4. *On the basis of that summary report, Parliament shall adopt a resolution at the July part-session, outlining its position and including in particular requests based on legislative initiative reports.*
5. *Each year in the first part-session of September, a State of the Union debate will be held in which the President of the Commission shall deliver an address, taking stock of the current year and looking ahead to priorities for the following years. To that end, the President of the Commission will in parallel set out in writing to Parliament the main elements guiding the preparation of the Commission Work Programme for the following year.*
6. *From the start of September, the competent parliamentary committees and the relevant Members of the Commission may meet for a more detailed exchange of views on future priorities in each policy area. These meetings shall be rounded off by a meeting between the Conference of Committee Chairs and the College of Commissioners and by a meeting between the Conference of Presidents and the President of the Commission, as appropriate.*
7. *In October, the Commission shall adopt its Work Programme for the following year. Subsequently, the President of the Commission shall present that Work Programme to Parliament at an appropriate level.*
8. *Parliament may hold a debate and adopt a resolution at the December part-session.*
9. This timetable shall be applied to each regular programming cycle, except for Parliament election years coinciding with the end of the Commission's term of office.
10. This timetable shall not prejudice any future agreement on inter-institutional programming.

## **Adaptation of Parliament's Rules of Procedure to the revised Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission**

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**European Parliament decision of 20 October 2010 on the adaptation of Parliament's Rules of Procedure to the revised framework agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission (2010/2127(REG))**

(2012/C 70 E/13)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rules 127, 211 and 212 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to its decision of 20 October 2010 on the revision of the framework agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A7-0278/2010),
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 after the entry into force of the revised framework agreement;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.

<sup>(1)</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2010)0366.

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## PRESENT TEXT

## AMENDMENT

**Amendment 1**  
**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 9 – paragraph 2**

2. Members' conduct shall be characterised by mutual respect, be based on the values and principles laid down in the basic texts on which the European Union is founded, respect the dignity of Parliament and not compromise the smooth conduct of parliamentary business or disturb the peace and quiet of any of Parliament's premises.

Failure to comply with those standards may lead to application of *the* measures **provided for** in Rules 152, 153 and 154.

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Failure to comply with those standards **and rules** may lead to application of measures in **accordance with** Rules 152, 153 and 154.

**Amendment 2**  
**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 23 – paragraph 11 a (new)**

**11a. The Bureau shall lay down rules concerning the treatment of confidential information by Parliament and its bodies, office-holders and other Members, taking into account any interinstitutional agreement concluded on such matters. Those rules shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and annexed to these Rules of Procedure.**

(Annex VIII – part A – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 4 shall be deleted)

**Amendment 3**  
**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**  
**Rule 35**

The *Commission's legislative and work programme*

1. Parliament shall work together with the Commission and the Council to determine the legislative planning of the European Union.

Parliament and the Commission shall cooperate in preparing the **Commission's annual legislative and work programme** in accordance with the timetable and arrangements agreed between the two institutions and annexed to these Rules of Procedure.

2. In urgent and unforeseen circumstances, an institution may, on its own initiative and in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Treaties, propose adding a legislative measure to those proposed in the **annual legislative and work programme**.

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Parliament and the Commission shall cooperate in preparing the **Commission Work Programme – which is the Commission's contribution to the Union's annual and multiannual programming** – in accordance with the timetable and arrangements agreed between the two institutions and annexed to these Rules of Procedure.

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3. The President shall forward the resolution adopted by Parliament to the other institutions which participate in the European Union's legislative procedure and to the parliaments of the Member States.

The President shall ask the Council to express an opinion on the **Commission's annual legislative and work programme** and on Parliament's resolution.

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## Amendment 4

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 43 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

In cases where a proposal is listed in the **Annual Legislative Programme** the committee responsible may decide to appoint a rapporteur to follow the preparatory phase of the proposal.

In cases where a proposal is listed in the **Commission Work Programme** the committee responsible may decide to appoint a rapporteur to follow the preparatory phase of the proposal.

## Amendment 5

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 44 – paragraph 3

3. Before the committee responsible proceeds to the vote, it shall ask the Commission whether it **has prepared a position** on the initiative **and if so request the Commission to state its position to the committee**.

3. Before the committee responsible proceeds to the vote, it shall ask the Commission whether it **is preparing an opinion** on the initiative. **In the affirmative, the committee shall not adopt its report before receiving the Commission's opinion.**

## Amendment 6

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 45 – paragraph 2

2. Following a decision on the procedure to be followed, and if Rule 46 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legislative act from among its members or permanent substitutes if it has not yet done so on the basis of the **annual legislative and work programme** agreed under Rule 35.

2. Following a decision on the procedure to be followed, and if Rule 46 does not apply, the committee shall appoint a rapporteur on the proposal for a legislative act from among its members or permanent substitutes if it has not yet done so on the basis of the **Commission Work Programme** agreed under Rule 35.

## Amendment 7

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 90 – paragraph 1

1. When it is intended to open negotiations on the conclusion, renewal or amendment of an international agreement, **including agreements in specific areas such as monetary affairs or trade**, the committee responsible may decide to draw up a report or otherwise monitor the procedure and inform the Conference of Committee Chairs of that decision. Where appropriate, other committees may be asked for an opinion pursuant to Rule 49(1). Rules 188(2), 50 or 51 shall apply where appropriate.

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The Chairs and rapporteurs of the committee responsible and of any associated committees shall jointly take appropriate action to ensure that **the Commission provides** Parliament with full information **about the recommendations for a negotiating mandate**, if necessary on a confidential basis, and with the information referred to in **paragraphs 3 and 4**.

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The Chairs and rapporteurs of the committee responsible and of any associated committees shall jointly take appropriate action to ensure that Parliament **is provided** with **immediate, regular and** full information, if necessary on a confidential basis, **at all stages of the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements, including the draft and the finally adopted text of negotiating directives**, and with the information referred to in **paragraph 3**,

- **by the Commission in accordance with its obligations under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and its commitments under the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission, and**
- **by the Council in accordance with its obligations under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union**

## Amendment 8

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 90 – paragraph 4

**4. Throughout the negotiations the Commission and the Council shall inform the committee responsible regularly and fully of their progress, if necessary on a confidential basis.**

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## Amendment 9

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 91

Where the Commission **and/or the Council are under an obligation to inform Parliament immediately and fully**, in accordance with **Article 218(10) of** the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a statement shall be made in Parliament, followed by a debate. Parliament may issue recommendations pursuant to Rule 90 or 97.

Where the Commission, in accordance with **its obligations under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission, informs Parliament and the Council of its intention to propose the provisional application or suspension of an international agreement**, a statement shall be made in Parliament, followed by a debate. Parliament may issue recommendations pursuant to Rule 90 or 97.

**The same procedure shall apply when the Commission informs Parliament of a proposal concerning the positions to be adopted on the Union's behalf in a body set up by an international agreement.**

## Amendment 10

Parliament's Rules of Procedure  
Rule 137 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

1. Before each part-session the draft agenda shall be drawn up by the Conference of Presidents on the basis of recommendations by the Conference of Committee Chairs taking into account the agreed **annual legislative and work programme** referred to in Rule 35.

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**Amendment 11****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Rule 193 – paragraph 2 – interpretation subparagraph 3 a (new)**

*Provisions of this paragraph shall be interpreted in accordance with the paragraph 50 of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission.*

**Amendment 12****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Annex II – part A – paragraph 3**

3. A question shall be inadmissible if an identical or similar question has been put down and answered during the preceding three months unless there are new developments or the author is seeking further information. In the first case a copy of the question and the answer shall be given to the author.

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**Amendment 13****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Annex III – paragraph 3**

3. If an identical or similar question has been put and answered during the preceding six months, the Secretariat shall transmit a copy of the previous question and answer to the author. The renewed question shall not be forwarded to the addressee unless the author invokes new significant developments or is seeking further information.

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**Amendment 14****Parliament's Rules of Procedure****Annex VIII – part A – paragraph 5**

5. Penalties: In cases of infringement, the chair of the committee shall, ***after consulting the vice-chairs, lay down in a reasoned decision the penalties to be applied (reprimand, exclusion from the committee for a shorter or longer period or permanently).***

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*The member concerned may lodge an appeal without suspensory effect against this decision. This appeal shall be considered jointly by the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament and the bureau of the committee concerned. Their majority decision shall be final.*

*If it is proved that an official has failed to respect confidentiality, the penalties for which the Staff Regulations provide shall apply.*