

INTERINSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION amending point 4 of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

having regard to the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Article 295 thereof, and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Point 4 of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission ⁽¹⁾ is replaced by the following:

'4. Each Member of the Commission shall take political responsibility for action in the field of which he/she is in charge, without prejudice to the principle of Commission collegiality.

The President of the Commission shall be fully responsible for identifying any conflict of interest which renders a Member of the Commission unable to perform his/her duties.

The President of the Commission shall likewise be responsible for any subsequent action taken in such circumstances and shall inform the President of Parliament thereof immediately and in writing.

The participation of Members of the Commission in electoral campaigns is governed by the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission.

Members of the Commission may participate in electoral campaigns in elections to the Parliament, including as candidates. They may also be chosen by European political parties as lead candidate ('Spitzenkandidat') for the position of President of the Commission.

The President of the Commission shall inform Parliament in due time whether one or more Members of the Commission will stand as candidates in electoral campaigns for elections to the Parliament, as well as of the measures taken to ensure the respect of the principles of independence, integrity and discretion provided for by Article 245 TFEU and the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission.

Any Member of the Commission standing as candidate or participating in an electoral campaign for elections to the Parliament will undertake to refrain from adopting a position, in the course of the campaign, that would not be in line with his/her duty of confidentiality, or that would infringe the principle of collegiality.

Members of the Commission standing as candidates or participating in electoral campaigns for elections to the Parliament may not use the Commission's human or material resources for activities linked to the electoral campaign.'

Done at Strasbourg, 7 February 2018.

For the European Parliament
The President
A. TAJANI

For the European Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 304, 20.11.2010, p. 47.