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Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure with a view to strengthening integrity, independence and accountability

(2023/2095(REG))

Amendment 18
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Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

3a. Decides that the Committee on Constitutional Affairs shall begin a process of reviewing the amendments at the latest on 1 January 2027 in order to assess them, and, if appropriate, propose in the light of this assessment further amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure with a view to strengthening integrity, independence and accountability, without prejudice to the possible earlier adoption of amendments in this regard; decides that such a review of the rules concerning strengthening the integrity, independence and accountability shall be repeated during each term;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 35 – paragraph 6

Present text

Amendment

6. The Quaestors shall keep a register of the declarations referred to in paragraph 4. The **Quaestors** shall adopt detailed rules on those declarations and their publication on Parliament's website.

6. The Quaestors shall keep a **public** register **of the intergroups and** of the declarations referred to in paragraph 4. The **Bureau** shall adopt detailed rules **on that register and** on those declarations and their publication on Parliament's website.

Or. en

Amendment 20

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 35 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 35a

Unofficial groupings

1. Individual Members may form unofficial groupings for the purpose of holding informal exchanges of views on specific issues across different political groups, drawing on members of different parliamentary committees, and of promoting contact between Members and civil society.

2. Unofficial groupings shall be fully transparent in their actions. They shall not engage in any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies. In particular, they shall not use the name or the logo of Parliament. They may not organise events in third countries that coincide with a mission of an official Parliament body, including an official election observation delegation. Members participating in unofficial groupings shall proactively disclose to external interlocutors that they are acting in their capacity as individual Members.

3. A political group may facilitate the activities of unofficial groupings by providing them with logistical support, except in the case of unofficial groupings related to third countries for which a standing interparliamentary delegation as referred to in Rule 223 exists.

Unofficial groupings related to third countries for which a standing interparliamentary delegation as referred to in Rule 223 exists shall not benefit from any facilities of Parliament for their

activities.

The relation to the third country may result from the name or the activities of the unofficial grouping.

The Conference of Presidents may, if appropriate, grant derogations from the first and second subparagraphs for unofficial groupings related to non-sovereign territories, persecuted minorities or partners for which a standing interparliamentary delegation as referred to in Rule 223 does not exist.

4. Unofficial groupings shall be required to declare, by the end of the following month, any support, including in cash or in kind. In the absence of such a declaration, the Chair of the grouping or, if the grouping has no Chair, any Member participating in it shall declare the support within 10 working days following the expiry of that deadline.

5. Interest representatives may only participate in unofficial grouping activities organised on Parliament's premises, for instance by attending meetings or events of the unofficial grouping, by offering support to it, or by co-hosting its events, if they are registered in the transparency register.

6. The Quaestors shall keep a public register of the declarations referred to in paragraph 4 and of the unofficial groupings that have submitted them. The Bureau shall adopt detailed rules on that register and on those declarations and their publication on Parliament's website.

7. The Quaestors shall ensure the effective enforcement of this Rule.

8. In the event of a breach of this Rule, the Quaestors may impose on the unofficial grouping a ban on using Parliament's facilities for a period which may not exceed the remainder of the parliamentary term.

Amendment 21

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 176 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Present text

In *serious* cases of breach of Rule 10 (2) to (9), the President shall adopt a reasoned decision imposing upon the Member concerned the appropriate penalty in accordance with this Rule.

Amendment

In cases of breach of Rule 10(2) to (9), ***Rule 35 or Rule 35a***, the President shall adopt a reasoned decision imposing upon the Member concerned the appropriate penalty in accordance with this Rule. ***Where there is reason to believe that the President may have breached those provisions, one of the Vice-Presidents determined in accordance with their order of precedence shall assume the President's role for the tasks laid down in this Rule.***

Amendment 22

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 176 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 4

Present text

Once the penalty becomes final, it shall be published prominently on Parliament's website, and shall remain there for the rest of the parliamentary term.

Amendment

Once the penalty becomes final, it shall be published prominently on Parliament's website ***as well as on the Member's online page on Parliament's website***, and shall remain there for the rest of the parliamentary term.

Amendment 23

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 176 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

*In cases of serious or repeated breaches,
the penalty shall at least consist of one of
the measures listed in points (b) to (e).*

Or. en

Amendment 24

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Leila Chaibi, Clare Daly, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group
Gabriele Bischoff

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c

Present text

Amendment

(c) not engage in paid *professional*
lobbying *directly linked to the Union*
decision-making process.

(c) not engage in paid lobbying
activities, including consulting and other
services for entities falling under the
scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement
on a mandatory transparency register.

Or. en

Amendment 25

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Leila Chaibi, Clare Daly, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group
Gabriele Bischoff

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c

Present text

(c) not engage in paid **professional lobbying directly linked to the Union decision-making process**.

Amendment

(c) not engage in paid **activities on behalf of entities falling under the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register**.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims to implement the recommendation in paragraph 57 of the ING2 report adopted in the July 2023 plenary.

Amendment 26

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Present text

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.

Amendment

1. A conflict of interest exists where **the exercise of the mandate of** a Member of the European Parliament **in the public interest may be** improperly **influenced for reasons involving his or her family, emotional life, economic interest or any other direct or indirect private interest**.

1a. A financial conflict of interest exists when a Member's exercise of the mandate would further a person's private interests, including his or her own or his or her spouse's or common-law partner's or registered partner's or parents or children's private interests, when the member's actions result, directly or indirectly, in situations such as:

(a) an increase in, or the preservation of, the value of the person's assets;

(b) the extinguishment, or reduction in the amount, of the person's liabilities;

- (c) *the acquisition of a financial interest by the person;*
- (d) *an increase in the person's income;*
- (e) *the person becoming a director or officer in a corporation, association or trade union; and*
- (f) *the person becoming a partner in a partnership.*

For points (a) to (d), a conflict of interest shall only exist when the total financial benefit of all the Member's activities related to the specific conflict of interest exceeds EUR 2 500 gross in a calendar year.

Ib. 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.

Or. en

Justification

This definition of a financial conflict of interest is based on the Canadian Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

Amendment 27

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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*

Amendment

2. *Members shall make every reasonable effort to detect conflicts of interest.*

seek advice in confidence from the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, *established under Article 7*.

A Member who becomes aware of having a conflict of interest shall immediately endeavour to resolve it. If unable to resolve it, the Member shall make sure that the private interest concerned is declared in accordance with Article 4 and shall inform the President and the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members about the conflict of interest in writing.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Present text

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, Members shall disclose, before speaking or voting in plenary or in one of Parliament's bodies, *or if proposed as a rapporteur*, any **actual or potential** conflict of interest in relation to the matter under consideration, where such conflict is not evident from the information declared pursuant to Article 4. Such disclosure shall be made **in writing or orally to the chair during the parliamentary proceedings in question**.

Amendment

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, Members shall disclose, before speaking or voting in plenary or in one of Parliament's bodies, any **financial** conflict of interest in relation to the matter under consideration, where such conflict is not evident from the information declared pursuant to Article 4. Such disclosure shall be made orally **by intervening in the sitting or meeting concerned**.

Or. en

Justification

The word "financial" is introduced in order to make the consequences dependent on the definition of a financial conflict of interest, which is based on the Canadian Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons, and introduced through an amendment in Article 3(1) of the Code of Conduct.

Amendment 29

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

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

Present text

Amendment

3a. Before taking up the office of Vice-President, Quaestor, Chair or Vice-chair of a committee or delegation, the Member shall submit a declaration indicating whether or not he or she is aware of having a financial conflict of interest in relation to the responsibilities of that office.

If the Member is aware of having such a financial conflict of interest, he or she shall describe the conflict in that declaration. In that case, he or she may only take up the office if the respective body decides that the financial conflict of interest does not prevent the Member from exercising his or her mandate in the public interest.

When such a financial conflict of interest arises during the exercise of the office in question, the Member shall submit a declaration describing that conflict and shall refrain from exercising the responsibilities with regard to this situation of conflict, unless the respective body decides that the financial conflict of interest does not prevent the Member from exercising his or her mandate in the public interest.

Or. en

Amendment 30

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

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

Present text

Amendment

3a. Before taking up the office of Vice-President, Quaestor, Chair or Vice-chair of a committee or delegation, the Member shall submit a declaration indicating whether or not he or she is aware of having a conflict of interest in relation to the responsibilities of that office. In cases of doubt, the Member may seek advice in confidence from the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, established under Article 7.

If the Member is aware of having such a conflict of interest, he or she shall describe the conflict in that declaration. In that case, he or she may only take up the office if the respective body decides that the conflict of interest does not prevent the Member from exercising his or her mandate in the public interest. When such a conflict of interest arises during the exercise of the office in question, the Member shall submit a declaration describing that conflict and shall refrain from exercising the responsibilities with regard to this situation of conflict.

Or. en

Amendment 31
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Present text

Amendment

3b. A Member who is proposed as a rapporteur or shadow rapporteur or as a participant in an official delegation or in interinstitutional negotiations shall

submit a declaration indicating whether or not he or she is aware of having a financial conflict of interest in relation to respectively the report or opinion or the delegation or negotiations in question. If the Member is aware of having such a financial conflict of interest, he or she shall describe the conflict in that declaration.

Where the Member who has been proposed as a rapporteur declares that he or she has a financial conflict of interest, the respective committee may decide by a majority of the votes cast that the Member may nevertheless be appointed as a rapporteur on the ground that the conflict does not prevent the Member from exercising his or her mandate in the public interest.

Where the Member who has been proposed as a shadow rapporteur or as a participant in an official delegation or in interinstitutional negotiations declares that he or she has a financial conflict of interest, the respective political group may decide that the Member may nevertheless be designated as a shadow rapporteur or as a participant in an official delegation or in interinstitutional negotiations on the ground that the conflict does not prevent the Member from exercising his or her mandate in the public interest. The respective body may, however, oppose this designation by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast.

Or. en

Amendment 32

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 3 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

3b. A Member who is proposed as a rapporteur or shadow rapporteur or as a participant in an official delegation or in interinstitutional negotiations shall submit a declaration indicating whether or not he or she is aware of having a conflict of interest in relation to respectively the report or opinion or the delegation or negotiations in question. In cases of doubt, the Member may seek advice in confidence from the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, established under Article 7.

If the Member is aware of having such a conflict of interest, he or she shall describe the conflict in that declaration.

Where the Member who has been proposed as a rapporteur declares that he or she has a conflict of interest, the Member may not be appointed rapporteur.

Where the Member who has been proposed as a shadow rapporteur or as a participant in an official delegation or in interinstitutional negotiations declares that he or she has a conflict of interest, the Member may not be designated as shadow rapporteur or as participant in an official delegation or in interinstitutional negotiations.

Or. en

Amendment 33

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

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

Present text

Amendment

(c) any **regular** remunerated activity

(c) any remunerated activity

which the Member undertakes alongside the exercise of *his or her* office, *whether as an employee or as a self-employed person*,

undertaken alongside the exercise of *the Member's* office, *including the name of the entity, the name of the client as well as the field and the nature of the activity; where there is a statutory duty of confidentiality, the field of the client's activity may be declared instead of its name*,

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims to implement the recommendation in paragraph 58 of the ING2 report adopted in the July 2023 plenary.

Amendment 34

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Giuliano Pisapia, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

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

Present text

(c) any *regular* remunerated activity *which the Member undertakes* alongside the exercise of *his or her* office, *whether as an employee or as a self-employed person*,

Amendment

(c) any remunerated activity *undertaken* alongside the exercise of *the Member's* office, *including the name of the entity as well as the field and the nature of the activity*,

Or. en

Amendment 35

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 4 – paragraph 5

Present text

5. If the President receives information, which leads him or her to

Amendment

5. If the President receives information, which leads him or her to

believe that the declaration of *financial* interests of a Member is *substantially* incorrect or out of date, the President *may* consult the *advisory committee* provided for in Article 7. *Where appropriate*, the President shall request the Member to correct *his or her* declaration within *10* days. *The Bureau may adopt a decision applying paragraph 4 to Members who do not comply with the President's correction* request.

believe that the declaration of *private* interests of a Member is incorrect or out of date, *the President shall request clarification from the Member. In the absence of a satisfactory clarification*, the President *shall* consult the *Advisory Committee* provided for in Article 7. *If the Advisory Committee concludes that the declaration does not comply with this Code of Conduct, it shall recommend to the President to request the Member to correct his or her declaration. If, taking into account that recommendation*, the President *concludes that the Member has breached this Code of Conduct, he or she* shall request the Member to correct *the* declaration within *15 calendar* days.

Or. en

Justification

The word "substantially" was deleted as any incorrect declaration shall be corrected. In comparison to the amendment proposed in the draft report, the addition that the President can adopt a reasoned decision was deleted as it is misleading here. This is already possibly for any alleged breach on the basis of Article 8(1) of the Code of Conduct.

Amendment 36

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Leila Chaibi, Clare Daly
on behalf of The Left Group
Gabriele Bischoff, Nathalie Loiseau

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

Present text

Amendment

Article 4a

Declaration of assets

Members shall declare their assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of every term of office. The Bureau shall lay down the list of categories of assets and liabilities to be declared and shall draw up

the form for the declaration. Such declarations shall be submitted to the President and shall be accessible only to the relevant authorities, without prejudice to national law.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims to implement the recommendation in paragraph 6 of the ING2 report adopted in the July 2023 plenary.

Amendment 37

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Giuliano Pisapia, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund, Heidi Hautala

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 5 – paragraph 1**

Present text

1. Members of the European Parliament shall refrain from accepting, in ***the performance of their duties***, any gifts or similar benefits, other than those with an approximate value of less than EUR ***150*** given in accordance with courtesy usage or those given to them in accordance with courtesy usage when they are representing Parliament in an official capacity.

Amendment

1. Members of the European Parliament shall refrain from accepting, in ***their capacity as Members***, any gifts or similar benefits, other than those with an approximate value of less than EUR ***100*** given in accordance with courtesy usage or those given to them in accordance with courtesy usage when they are representing Parliament in an official capacity.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Giuliano Pisapia, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Heidi Hautala

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 5 – paragraph 2**

Present text

Amendment

2. Any gifts presented to **Members** in accordance with paragraph 1 when **they are** representing Parliament in an official capacity shall be handed over to the President and dealt with in accordance with implementing measures to be laid down by the Bureau pursuant to Article 9.

2. Any gifts **with an approximate value of more than EUR 100** presented to **a Member** in accordance with paragraph 1 when **he or she is** representing Parliament in an official capacity shall be handed over to the President and dealt with in accordance with implementing measures to be laid down by the Bureau pursuant to Article 9.

Or. en

Amendment 39

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Present text

Amendment

Article 5a

Publication of meetings

1. Members should only meet interest representatives that are entered in the transparency register.

2. Members shall publish online, within 30 calendar days after the meeting took place, all meetings relating to parliamentary business

- with interest representatives falling under the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register, or

- with representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies.

3. The obligation laid down in paragraph 2 applies to meetings attended by the Member or by the Member's parliamentary assistants on his or her behalf.

4. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, Members shall not publish a

meeting the disclosure of which would endanger the life, physical integrity or liberty of an individual or may decide not to publish a meeting where there are other compelling reasons for maintaining confidentiality. Such meetings shall instead be declared to the President, who shall keep this declaration confidential or shall decide on an anonymised or delayed publication. The Bureau shall lay down the conditions under which the President may disclose such a declaration.

5. The Bureau shall provide for the necessary infrastructure on Parliament's website.

6. Article 4(5) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Or. en

Justification

In comparison to the draft report, the notions of "active role" and "scheduled" are deleted. Any lobby meeting shall be published, no matter whether an MEP had an active role or whether it was scheduled.

Amendment 40

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Gilles Boyer, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

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

Present text

Amendment

Article 5a

Publication of meetings

1. Members should only meet interest representatives that are entered in the transparency register.

2. Members shall publish online all scheduled meetings relating to parliamentary business

- with interest representatives falling under the scope of the Interinstitutional

Agreement on a mandatory transparency register, or

- with representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies.

3. The obligation laid down in paragraph 2 applies to meetings attended by the Member or by the Member's parliamentary assistants on his or her behalf.

4. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, Members shall not publish a meeting the disclosure of which would endanger the life, physical integrity or liberty of an individual or may decide not to publish a meeting where there are other compelling reasons for maintaining confidentiality. Such meetings shall instead be declared to the President, who shall keep this declaration confidential or shall decide on an anonymised or delayed publication. The Bureau shall lay down the conditions under which the President may disclose such a declaration.

5. The Bureau shall provide for the necessary infrastructure on Parliament's website.

6. Article 4(5) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Or. en

Amendment 41

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Present text

Amendment

Article 5b

Declaration of input

Without prejudice to the requirement to publish meetings pursuant to Article 5a, rapporteurs shall list the entities or persons from whom they received input on matters pertaining to the subject of the file in an annex to their report or opinion. Article 5a(5) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Or. en

Justification

As a matter of consistency, it is important that the confidentiality derogation for the publication of meetings, as included in the draft report in Article 5a(5) of the Code of Conduct, is also applicable for the declaration of input.

Amendment 42

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gilles Boyer, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

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

Present text

Amendment

Members shall not engage with former Members for a period of six months after the end of their mandate in any activity, within the meaning of Article 5a, which could allow the former Members to influence the formulation or implementation of policy or legislation, or the decision-making processes of Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 43

Daniel Freund

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 **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. **Those members shall be experts elected by the plenary on a proposal of at least 38 Members who are nationals of at least two Member States and belong to at least three political groups. The experts must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest. They shall be nominated and elected by applying mutatis mutandis the procedure laid down in Rule 231(1) to (8) of the Rules of Procedure. The experts proposed can be chosen from among former Judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union and of the Court of Auditors, former presidents of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), former members of the highest courts of Member States, and members of the ethics authorities in Member States.**

Or. en

Justification

The nomination and election procedure for the experts ought to be aligned with the procedure for the nomination and election of the Ombudsman.

Amendment 44

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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** the President **at the beginning of his or**

Amendment

The Advisory Committee shall be **gender-balanced and** composed of **nine** members.

her term of office from amongst the members of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs, taking due account of the Members' experience and of political balance.

Five of those members shall be Members of the European Parliament. Those members shall be elected by the plenary for a term of 5 years on a proposal of the President, taking due account of the Members' experience, of their record of ethical behaviour, and of political balance.

The other four members shall be external experts. They must be independent, chosen on the basis of their competence, experience and professional qualities, as well as their personal integrity, have an impeccable record of ethical behaviour and provide a declaration of the absence of conflicts of interest. The expert members shall be nominated by applying mutatis mutandis the procedure laid down in Rule 231(1) to (5) of the Rules of Procedure. The expert members shall be elected by applying mutatis mutandis the procedure laid down in Rule 17(1) of the Rules of Procedure.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims to strengthen the advisory committee by adding four independent experts as full members to the committee, who should be transparently and democratically nominated and elected. It is proposed to align the nomination procedure with the nomination procedure for the Ombudsman and the election procedure with the election procedure for the Vice-Presidents.

Amendment 45

Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gilles Boyer, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

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 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 **eight** members. **Five of those members shall be current Members of the European Parliament**, appointed by the President at the beginning of his or her term of office, taking due account of the Members' experience and of political **and gender** balance.

The other three members shall be external experts with personal integrity and experience in professional ethics. They shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of his or her term of office.

In the case of a vote, only the members of the Advisory Committee who are Members of the European Parliament shall be eligible to vote.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Daniel Freund

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

The office of chair shall rotate every six months among the members of the Advisory Committee. In the case of a vote, the Advisory Committee shall decide by a majority of the votes cast.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gilles Boyer, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

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

The office of chair shall rotate every six months among the members of the Advisory Committee who are Members of the European Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Daniel Freund

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, appoint 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 reserve members for the Advisory Committee, one for each political group.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Present text

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*

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 *or in the event of a request pursuant to paragraph 4 concerning such a member*, the relevant reserve member shall serve as a *tenth* full

breach.

member of the Advisory Committee.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Daniel Freund

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

Present text

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

In the event of an alleged breach of this Code of Conduct by a member of a political group, the relevant reserve member shall serve as a sixth full member of the Advisory Committee for the purposes of investigation *and assessment* of that alleged breach.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Gabriele Bischoff, Cyrus Engerer, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gilles Boyer, Andreas Schieder, Helmut Scholz, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Daniel Freund, Damian Boeselager, Giuliano Pisapia

Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraphs 2 a and 2 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

The Advisory Committee shall proactively monitor compliance by Members with this Code of Conduct and its implementing measures. It shall signal to the President any possible breaches of those provisions.

Alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct may be signalled directly to the Advisory Committee, which may assess them and advise the President on possible action to be taken. The Bureau may adopt rules on the procedure for the signalling of alleged

breaches.

Or. en

Amendment 52

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraphs 2 a and 2 b (new)

Present text

Amendment

Alleged breaches of this Code of Conduct may be signalled directly to the Advisory Committee, while also informing the President. The Advisory Committee shall assess them, based on a pre-screening of its secretariat, and advise the President on possible action to be taken. A dedicated system for the signalling of alleged breaches by any person shall be established and shall be accessible on Parliament's website, while maintaining confidentiality of those signalling the alleged breach.

The Advisory Committee shall proactively monitor compliance by Members with this Code of Conduct and its implementing measures. It shall, on its own initiative, signal to the President, together with a recommendation of an action to be taken, any possible breaches of those provisions.

Or. en

Amendment 53

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 7 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

6a. The Advisory Committee shall be supported by a well-resourced secretariat.

Or. en

Amendment 54

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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 shall, **except in manifestly vexatious cases**, refer the matter to the Advisory Committee.

Amendment

1. Where there is reason to **believe** that a Member of the European Parliament may have breached this Code of Conduct, the President shall refer the matter to the Advisory Committee. **Where there is reason to believe that the President may have breached this Code of Conduct, one of the Vice-Presidents determined in accordance with their order of precedence shall assume the President's role for the tasks laid down in this Article.**

Or. en

Amendment 55

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Present text

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

Amendment

The Advisory Committee shall examine the circumstances of the alleged breach, and may hear the Member concerned. Based on its findings, it shall make a recommendation to the President **comprising, where appropriate, a penalty, which may consist of one or more of the measures listed in Rule 176(4), (5) and (6)**

of the Rules of Procedure, and the detailed reasoning for the recommended penalty. In cases of serious or repeated breaches, the recommended penalty shall at least consist of one of the measures listed in Rule 176(4), points (b) to (e) of the Rules of Procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 56

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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, and having invited the Member concerned to submit written observations, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached *the* Code of Conduct, he or she shall adopt a reasoned decision *laying down* a penalty. The President shall notify that Member of the reasoned decision.

Amendment

If, taking into account that recommendation, and having invited the Member concerned to submit written observations, the President concludes that the Member concerned has breached *this* Code of Conduct, he or she shall adopt a reasoned decision *imposing* a penalty *and including the detailed reasoning for the decision*. The President shall notify that Member of the reasoned decision.

The President shall adopt the reasoned decision within 30 calendar days after receiving the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. In justified cases, the President may once request the Advisory Committee to authorise a prolongation of this period by another 30 calendar days.

If the President fails to adopt a reasoned decision within the deadline set out in the second subparagraph, the recommendation shall be deemed to have been approved.

Or. en

Amendment 57

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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 176(4) to (6) of the Rules of Procedure.

Amendment

The penalty may consist of one or more of the measures listed in Rule 176(4) to (6) of the Rules of Procedure. ***In cases of serious or repeated breaches, the recommended penalty shall at least consist of one of the measures listed in Rule 176(4), points (b) to (e) of the Rules of Procedure.***

Or. en

Amendment 58

Daniel Freund

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. Where there is reason to believe that the President may have breached this Code of Conduct, the Advisory Committee shall decide whether to assess this case on its own initiative. In such cases, recommendations shall be forwarded to the Bureau and decided by it. The procedure and deadlines in this Article shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Or. en

Amendment 59

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Annex I – Article 8 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

4a. Once the penalty becomes final, the President's decision together with the conclusion of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee shall be published prominently on Parliament's website. This shall include the detailed reasoning of the decision and the recommendation.

Or. en