07_02.01. Plenary amendments to a tabled report (A8)

31.05.2017

Amendment 1

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on behalf of the EPP Group /on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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A8-0133/2017

on transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions

(2015/2041(INI))

Paragraph 1

1. Welcomes the decision of its Bureau to request that its administration develop a template for all rapporteurs and draftspersons for opinions to produce a voluntary legislative footprint, setting out what interest representatives and organisations they have consulted; *the template should be also provided as an IT tool*;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the decision of its Bureau to request that its administration develop a template for all rapporteurs and draftspersons for opinions to produce a voluntary legislative footprint, setting out what interest representatives and organisations they have consulted;

Amendment 2

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Paragraph 2

2. Recalls its revision of the Rules of Procedure of 13 December 2016, according to which Members should adopt the systematic practice of only meeting interest representatives that have registered in the Transparency Register, and calls for meetings between interest representatives and Secretary-Generals, Director-Generals and Secretary-Generals of political groups to be included; asks Members and their staff to check whether the interest representatives they intend to meet are registered and, if not, ask them to do so as soon as possible prior to the meeting; urges the Council to introduce a similar provision which includes permanent representations; deems it necessary to oblige registrants in the Transparency Register to produce documents to demonstrate that the information submitted is accurate;

Amendment

2. Recalls its revision of the Rules of Procedure of 13 December 2016, according to which Members should adopt the systematic practice of only meeting interest representatives that have registered in the Transparency Register, although an exemption should be formulated for groups or individuals who have no formal representation or funding, who address purely non-commercial issues and who's voices would otherwise not be heard, for example groups of parents of children with specific or rare diseases; and calls for meetings between interest representatives and Secretary-Generals and Director-Generals to be included; urges the Council to introduce a similar provision which includes permanent representations; deems it necessary to oblige registrants in the Transparency Register to produce documents to demonstrate that the information submitted is accurate;

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Amendment 3

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Paragraph 4

Amendment

4. Deleted

4. Calls on its Bureau to create the necessary means to enable Members to publish on their Parliament online profiles their meetings with interest representatives if they wish to do so;

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Paragraph 6

6. Urges the Commission to publish meetings of all relevant Commission staff *involved in the EU's policy-making process* with external organisations, while taking account of necessary data protection rules; *for other staff present at these meetings, reference to the unit or service should be published;* Amendment

6. Urges the Commission to publish meetings of all relevant Commission staff *from Head of unit level and above* with external organisations, while taking account of necessary data protection rules;

Amendment 5

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Paragraph 7

7. Supports the Commission's call for the EU institutions and their staff, and its agencies, to refrain from inviting unregistered interest representatives as speakers, from giving their events patronage or hosting such events on EU premises and from allowing them to participate in Commission advisory bodies;

Amendment

7. Supports the Commission's call for the EU institutions and their staff, and its agencies, to refrain from inviting unregistered interest representatives *falling under the scope of the Transparency Register*, as speakers, from giving their events patronage or hosting such events on EU premises and from allowing them to participate in Commission advisory bodies;

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Paragraph 7

8. Calls on the Commission to make all information on interest representation towards the EU institutions, declarations of interest, confirmed conflicts of interest and expert groups easily accessible to the public *through an online one-stop shop*;

Amendment

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Paragraph 17

17. Insists that registered entities, including law firms and consultancies, should declare in the Transparency Register all clients on whose behalf they perform interest representation activities that fall within the remit of the Transparency Register; welcomes the decisions taken by various bars and law societies in recognising the differences between court-related activities of lawyers and other activities falling within the scope of the Transparency Register; moreover, invites the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe to encourage its members to adopt similar measures, while acknowledging that certain individuals may be hindered by national legislation in some Member States from meeting the requirements of the Transparency Register;

Amendment

17. Insists that registered entities, including law firms and consultancies, should declare in the Transparency Register all clients on whose behalf they perform interest representation activities that fall within the remit of the Transparency Register; *recalling* that this declaration may be hindered by national legislation in some Member States; welcomes the decisions taken by various bars and law societies in recognising the differences between court-related activities of lawyers and other activities falling within the scope of the Transparency Register; moreover, invites the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe to encourage its members to adopt similar measures, while acknowledging that certain individuals may be hindered by national legislation in some Member States from meeting the requirements of the Transparency Register;

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Paragraph 18

18. Notes that, in some Member States, statutory provisions exist on the rules governing the exercise of professions, which in particular objectively prevent law firms from registering themselves in the Transparency Register and in the process revealing the information about their clients which the register requires; also perceives, however, a substantial risk in that such statutory provisions may also be abused to avoid publishing information required for proper entry in the register; welcomes, in this connection, the perceptible readiness of lawyers' professional organisations to work in partnership to ensure that, in the interests of their profession, such withholding of information is confined exclusively to what the law objectively permits; calls on the Commission and the President of the European Parliament to secure a practical outcome from this readiness and to enshrine a result in the modified agreement as soon as possible;

Amendment

18. Notes that, in some Member States, statutory provisions exist on the rules governing the exercise of professions, which in particular objectively prevent law firms from registering themselves in the Transparency Register and in the process revealing the information about their clients which the register requires; welcomes, in this connection, the perceptible readiness of lawyers' professional organisations to work in partnership to ensure that, in the interests of their profession, such withholding of information is confined exclusively to what the law objectively permits; calls on the Commission and the President of the European Parliament to secure a practical outcome from this readiness and to enshrine a result in the modified agreement as soon as possible;

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Paragraph 19

19. Asks the Bureau, in accordance with Article 15 of the TFEU and Article 11 of the TEU, to require registration prior to access to Parliament's premises for nonregistered organisations *or individuals* that undertake activities falling within the remit of the Transparency Register; considers that visitor groups should be exempted from this; emphasises that Parliament, as the chamber representing European citizens, should retain an open-door policy towards citizens and that no unnecessary obstacles should be created which could discourage citizens from visiting its premises;

Amendment

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Paragraph 21

21. Asks its Bureau and its Secretary-General *not* to ease the reactivation process necessary for lobby badges by setting up a designated reactivation facility with a view to avoiding excessive waiting times to gain entry to premises; *calls for the removal of the restriction of not more than four pass holders being able to access Parliament's premises at the same time;*

Amendment

21. Asks its Bureau and its Secretary-General to ease the reactivation process necessary for lobby badges by setting up a designated reactivation facility with a view to avoiding excessive waiting times to gain entry to premises;

Amendment 11

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Paragraph 23

23. Believes it to be necessary, as a matter of urgency, to introduce a proper monitoring system for submissions in order to ensure that the information that registrants provide is meaningful, accurate, up-to-date and comprehensive; calls in this regard for a *substantial* increase in the resources of the Transparency Unit within the European Parliament and the Joint Transparency Register Secretariat;

Amendment

23. Believes it to be necessary, as a matter of urgency, to introduce a proper monitoring system for submissions in order to ensure that the information that registrants provide is meaningful, accurate, up-to-date and comprehensive; calls in this regard for a *proportional* increase in the resources of the Transparency Unit within the European Parliament and the Joint Transparency Register Secretariat;

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Paragraph 27

27. Believes that all EU officials, including temporary agents, accredited parliamentary assistants, contract agents and national experts, *must undergo* training on how to deal with interest representatives and conflicts of interest, *inter alia by including integrity and transparency as an obligatory item to be discussed during recruitment procedures and performance reviews;*

Amendment

27. Believes that all EU officials, including temporary agents, accredited parliamentary assistants, contract agents and national experts, *should be encouraged to attend* training on how to deal with interest representatives and conflicts of interest,

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Paragraph 30

30. Calls for strengthening the restrictions on former Commissioners by extending the 'cooling-off period' to three years and making it binding for at least all activities falling within the remit of the Transparency Register; Amendment

30. Welcomes the proposals made by the President of the Commission to amend the Code of Conduct for Commissioners and increase the cooling-off period;

Amendment 14

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on behalf of the EPP Group /on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Paragraph 31

Amendment

31. Deleted

31. Believes that decisions on senior officials' and former Commissioners' new roles must be taken by an authority appointed as independently as possible of those affected by its decisions;

Amendment 15

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Paragraph 32

Amendment

32. Requests that all EU institutions should disclose, on an annual basis, in line with EU data protection rules, information about senior officials who have left the EU administration and the roles they have taken up;

32. Deleted

Amendment 16

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Paragraph 37

37. Deleted

Amendment

37. Urges the Commission to make all minutes of expert group meetings available to the public on its website, including the diversity of opinions represented;

Amendment 17

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Paragraph 39

39. Believes that, under European electoral law, nominations of candidates within parties must be carried out democratically. in secret and with a proper say for Members, and that persons convicted by a final judgment of corruption against the EU's financial interests or within Member States should forfeit the right to stand for election for a period commensurate with the seriousness of the offence; notes that this disqualification procedure is already in place in some Member States; considers that a new instrument, such as a directive, could establish common minimum standards for different practices and legal frameworks within the different Member States regarding disqualification on account of corruption;

Amendment

39. Believes that, under European electoral law, nominations of candidates within parties must be carried out democratically, in secret and with a proper say for Members, and that persons convicted by a final judgment of corruption against the EU's financial interests or within Member States should forfeit the right to stand for election for a period commensurate with the seriousness of the offence; notes that this disqualification procedure is already in place in some Member States;

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Realising the objective of full access to documents and transparency for the purposes of accountability in the legislative process

Paragraph 45

45. Recalls its calls on the Commission and the Council in its resolution of 28 April 2016 on public access to documents for the years $2014-2015^{1}$, in which it:

- called for the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 to be broadened to include all the European institutions it currently does not cover, such as the European Council, the European Central Bank, the Court of Justice and all the EU bodies and agencies,
- called for full compliance with the obligation by the institutions, agencies and other bodies to keep complete registers of documents, as provided for in Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001,
- considered that documents created in trilogues such as agendas, summaries of outcomes, minutes and general approaches in the Council are related to legislative

Amendment

45. . Recalls its calls on the Commission and the Council in its resolution of 28 April 2016 on public access to documents for the years $2014-2015^2$, in which it:

- called for the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 to be broadened to include all the European institutions it currently does not cover, such as the European Council, the European Central Bank, the Court of Justice and all the EU bodies and agencies,
- called for full compliance with the obligation by the institutions, agencies and other bodies to keep complete registers of documents, as provided for in Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001,

- considered that documents

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0202.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0202.

procedures and should not, in principle, be treated differently from other legislative documents *and should be made directly accessible on Parliament's website*,

- called for a common interinstitutional register, including a dedicated joint database on the state of play of legislative files for which works are under way as agreed in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making,
- called on the Council to publish minutes of the meetings of Council working groups and other documents,
- called on the Commission to set up a register of all second-level legislation, in particular for delegated acts, and noted that work on its creation was under way as agreed in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making,
- expressed its belief in the need to introduce an independent oversight authority for the classification and declassification of documents,
- called for agendas and feedback notes of the meetings of Parliament's Committee Coordinators, Bureau and Conference of Presidents to be made available, and, in principle, for all documents referred to in those agendas to be made available too, by publishing them on Parliament's website;

created in trilogues such as agendas, summaries of outcomes, minutes and general approaches in the Council are related to legislative procedures and should not, in principle, be treated differently from other legislative documents;

- called for a common interinstitutional register, including a dedicated joint database on the state of play of legislative files for which works are under way as agreed in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making,
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Paragraph 48

Amendment

48. Stresses recent efforts by the *Commission to increase the transparency* of trade negotiations; believes. nevertheless, that the Council and the Commission should still improve their working methods to cooperate better with Parliament as regards access to documents, information and decisionmaking for all issues and negotiations related to common commercial policy (such information as relating to including negotiations _ scoping, mandates and evolution of negotiations – the mixed or exclusive nature of trade agreements and their provisional application, activities and decisions taken by bodies created by trade and/or investment agreements, expert meetings, and delegated and implementing acts); regrets, in this regard, that the Council has not made available to the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and the public the negotiating mandates for all agreements currently under negotiation, but welcomes the fact that, finally, after 48. Deleted

one year of negotiations between the Commission and Parliament on access to documents related to negotiations on the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) an operational agreement has been reached to grant access to all MEPs, making the TTIP negotiations the most transparent so far; welcomes, in this respect, the ambition of the Commission's Directorate-General for Trade to use the current transparency initiative on TTIP as a model for all trade negotiations, as outlined in the trade strategy 'Trade for All' and to implement this;

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Paragraph 50

50. Believes that the EU must take the lead in furthering the transparency of trade only for bilateral negotiations, not processes, but also for plurilateral and multilateral processes where possible, with no less transparency than the negotiations organised in the framework of the World Trade Organisation (WTO); stresses, however, that the Commission must also persuade its negotiating partners to increase transparency at their end, to make sure that this is a reciprocal process in which the EU's negotiating position is not compromised and to include the aspired level of transparency in its scoping exercises with potential negotiating partners: stresses that increased transparency is in the interest of all the EU's negotiating partners and stakeholders worldwide, and that it can strengthen global support for rules-based trade;

Amendment

50. Believes that the EU must take the lead in furthering the transparency of trade negotiations, not only for bilateral processes, but also for plurilateral and multilateral processes where possible, with no less transparency than the negotiations organised in the framework of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

Amendment 21

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Paragraph 57

Amendment

57. Calls on the Commission to submit a revision of the so-called six-pack and twopack in order to provide Parliament with greater scrutiny powers over the adoption of key documents of the European Semester, and particularly effective means to guarantee respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

57. Deleted

Amendment 22

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Paragraph 58

58. Deleted

Amendment

58. Calls on the Eurogroup to include Parliament in monitoring the implementation of the contractual conditions agreed with beneficiaries of financial assistance granted by the European Stability Mechanism;

Amendment 23

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Paragraph 59

Amendment

59. Welcomes the European **Ombudsman's investigation into whether** the EU institutions are living up to their obligation introducing of internal whistleblowing rules; regrets the Ombudsman's finding that some EU institutions have not properly yet implemented rules to protect whistleblowers; points out that to date only Parliament, the Commission, the Ombudsman's Office and the Court of Auditors have adopted such rules; calls for a study by Parliament into a mechanism to protect Accredited **Parliamentary** Assistants in the event they become 'whistleblowers';

59. Deleted

Amendment 24

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Paragraph 62

Amendment

62. Believes that whistleblowers have too often found more prosecution than support even in the EU institutions; calls on the Commission to propose an amendment to regulation governing the the Ombudsman's Office and to add to her a focal point for remit being whistleblowers who find themselves victims of ill-treatment; calls on the Commission to propose an appropriate in the budget increase of the Ombudsman's Office to allow this new demanding task to be put into effect;

62. Deleted

Amendment 25

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Paragraph 64

64. Believes that persons convicted by a final judgment of corruption in the EU or companies led or owned by persons who committed corruption acts of or misappropriation of public funds for the benefit of their company and have been convicted by a final judgment on those grounds should, for at least three years, be effectively banned from entering into procurement contracts with the European Union and from benefiting from EU funds; calls on the Commission to revise its debarment system; stresses that companies excluded from tendering for EU funds by the Commission should be publicly listed by default to better protect EU financial interests and allow scrutiny by the wider public;

Amendment

64. Believes that persons convicted by a final judgment of corruption in the EU or companies led or owned by persons who committed acts of corruption or misappropriation of public funds for the benefit of their company and have been convicted by a final judgment on those grounds should, for at least three years, be effectively banned from entering into procurement contracts with the European Union and from benefiting from EU funds;

Amendment 26

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Paragraph 33

New Amendment

33 a. Regrets that the Commissions control and monitoring systems are not sufficiently transparent and that their data requirements differ between and within Commission systems, also points out the inconsistent application of rules between the Commission DGs on the funding of NGOs; calls on the Commission to establish harmonised rules to be applied to any grants awarded by the EU;

Amendment 27

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Paragraph 44

XX.

New Amendment

44 a. Calls for the EU public procurement directives to be amended for political active organisations in such a way that organisations are eligible for funding only if they argue by means of verifiable facts; calls for recipients, before they receive funding, to give a corresponding undertaking and for the Commission and Court of Auditors to conduct appropriate random checks; rejects any funding of organisations which demonstrably disseminate untruths and/or whose objectives are contrary to the fundamental values and/or policy objectives of the European Union;

Amendment 28

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Paragraph 67

XX.

New Amendment

67 a. Observes that the conflict exists European within the Union Institutions that the legislature is lobbied from within the executive; calls on the Commission to draw up an opinion by 1 February 2018 on how this issue is approached in the EU States and how Member the relationship between the executive and the legislature is regulated in democratic countries outside the EU, calls for corresponding consequences for the legislative rules of the **European Institutions;**

Amendment 29

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Paragraph 58

XX.

New Amendment

58 a. Calls for a comprehensive analysis by the Commission on whether and by what means it is providing training on the financial rules applicable to the EU budget for lobbyists receiving EU funding, including NGOs; calls for this analysis to be submitted by 1 February 2018 with a list of corresponding training events and identification of the beneficiaries;

Amendment 30

Markus Pieper

on behalf of the EPP Group /on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Paragraph 53

XX.

New Amendment

53 a. Urges the Commission, in parallel with the revision of the Financial Regulation, to consider the introduction of an EU-wide code of conduct also for NGOs and lobbyists applying for EU funding; points out that this code of conduct would provide guidance to NGOs on how to comply with legal and transparency obligations, sound financial management and an appropriate use of resources; calls on the Commission to establish simplified procedures for small NGOs to ensure a level playing field in the application procedures;

Amendment 31

on behalf of the EPP Group /on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Paragraph 45

45.

New Amendment

45 a. Calls on the Commission to present an opinion by 1 February 2018 on whether and to which extent and where applicable - by which criteria outcome agreements with the aim of influencing politicians and governments are developed with NGOs receiving EU funding;