

# Procedure file

## Basic information

REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure [1999/2181\(REG\)](#)

Procedure completed

EP Rules of procedure, rules 29, 33 and 82: balanced rights between individual Members and groups

Subject  
8.40.01.02 President, members, mandates, political groups

## Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible

Rapporteur

Appointed

**AFCO** Constitutional Affairs

25/10/1999

PSE [CORBETT Richard](#)

## Key events

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| 23/07/1999 | Non-legislative basic document published   | <a href="#">B5-0059/1999</a>  |         |
| 27/10/1999 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |   |         |
| 27/06/2000 | Vote in committee                          |   | Summary |
| 27/06/2000 | Committee report tabled for plenary        | <a href="#">A5-0252/2000</a>  |         |
| 10/06/2002 | Debate in Parliament                       |  |         |
| 12/06/2002 | Decision by Parliament                     | <a href="#">T5-0306/2002</a>  | Summary |
| 12/06/2002 | End of procedure in Parliament             |   |         |
| 30/10/2003 | Final act published in Official Journal    |   |         |

## Technical information

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| Procedure reference        | 1999/2181(REG)                        |
| Procedure type             | REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure |
| Procedure subtype          | Rules                                 |
| Legal basis                | Rules of Procedure EP 237-p1          |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed                   |
| Committee dossier          | AFCO/5/12189                          |

## Documentation gateway

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|---|--|---|------------|----|---------|
| Non-legislative basic document                      |  | <a href="#">B5-0059/1999</a>  | 23/07/1999 | EP |         |
| Document attached to the procedure                  |  | <a href="#">B5-0060/1999</a>  | 23/07/1999 | EP |         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading |  | <a href="#">A5-0252/2000</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 178 22.06.2001, p. 0008</a>        | 27/06/2000 | EP |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading          |  | <a href="#">T5-0306/2002</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 261 30.10.2003, p. 0152-0380 E</a> | 12/06/2002 | EP | Summary |

## EP Rules of procedure, rules 29, 33 and 82: balanced rights between individual Members and groups

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The committee adopted the report by Richard CORBETT (PES, UK) proposing changes to the Rules of Procedure with a view to balancing the rights of individual Members and groups. The proposal is aimed at the non-attached Members who, the committee said, should enjoy the same rights as MEPs in other political groups. The proposed amendments therefore provided for the non-attached Members to be able to delegate two of their number to attend meetings of the Conference of Presidents, with those delegates having the right to vote (they were currently able to attend without having the right to vote). The report also stipulated that, where the Rules of Procedure confer a right on a political group, such a right may also be exercised by 16 non-attached Members. Another amendment said that, in forming a group together, the Members concerned accept by definition that they have political affinity and that only when this is denied by the Members concerned is it necessary for Parliament to evaluate whether the group has been formed in conformity with the Rules of Procedure. ?

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By adopting the report by Mr Richard CORBETT (PES, UK), the European Parliament adopted the changes proposed by the committee responsible (please refer to the previous summary). It should also be noted that an amendment presented by the Greens and two Italian radicals proposing the creation of a mixed group was rejected.?