

# Procedure file

Basic information		
REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure	<a href="#">2011/2166(REG)</a>	Procedure completed
EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 51: procedures with joint committee meetings with regard to international agreements in the field of international trade, interpretation		
See also <a href="#">2011/2165(REG)</a>		
Subject 8.40.01.08 Business of Parliament, procedure, sittings, rules of procedure		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<a href="#">AFCO</a> <a href="#">Constitutional Affairs</a>	Shadow rapporteur	
		PPE <a href="#">LE GRIP Constance</a>	
		EFD <a href="#">MESSERSCHMIDT Morten</a>	

Key events			
12/07/2011	Vote in committee		Summary
12/07/2011	Decision by committee, without report		
13/09/2011	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0368/2011</a>	Summary
13/09/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2011/2166(REG)
Procedure type	REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Procedure subtype	Interpretation of Rules
	See also <a href="#">2011/2165(REG)</a>
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 236
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/7/05800

Documentation gateway					
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T7-0368/2011</a>	13/09/2011	EP	Summary

## EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 51: procedures with joint committee meetings with regard to international agreements in the field of international trade, interpretation

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The Committee on Constitutional Affairs, which had been consulted on the application of Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure, provided the following interpretation on that provision:

"This Rule can be applied to the procedure leading to a recommendation to approve or reject the conclusion of an international agreement pursuant to Rules 90(5) and 81(1) provided that the conditions set out in it are fulfilled. "

## EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 51: procedures with joint committee meetings with regard to international agreements in the field of international trade, interpretation

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The European Parliament decided to append the interpretation of Rules 51 and 192 of its Rules of Procedure (procedure with joint committee meetings, coordinator meetings and the supply of information to non-attached Members).

### Rule 51

?This Rule can be applied to the procedure leading to a recommendation to approve or reject the conclusion of an international agreement pursuant to Rules 90(5) and 81(1) provided that the conditions set out in it are fulfilled?.

### Rule 192

?Non-attached Members do not constitute a political group within the meaning of Rule 30 and they cannot therefore designate coordinators, who are the only Members entitled to attend coordinator meetings.

The function of coordinator meetings is to prepare committee decisions and they may not replace committee meetings without explicit delegation. Hence ex-ante delegation is required for decisions taken at coordinator meetings. In the absence of such delegation, coordinators may only adopt recommendations requiring formal ex-post approval by the committee.

In all cases, non-attached Members must be guaranteed access to information, in accordance with the principle of non-discrimination, through the supply of information and the presence of a member of the non-attached Members' secretariat at coordinator meetings?.