


Procedure file

Basic information	
REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure	2013/2259(REG)
EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 90: international agreements	Procedure completed
Subject	8.40.01.08 Business of Parliament, procedure, sittings, rules of procedure

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFCO Constitutional Affairs	S&D MARTIN David	14/10/2013
		Shadow rapporteur	
		PPE BUŠIĆ Zdravka	
		ALDE ILCHEV Stanimir	
		Verts/ALE HÄFNER Gerald	
		ECR FOX Ashley	
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Key events			
13/03/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2014	Vote in committee		
26/03/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0253/2014	
16/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0409/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/2259(REG)
Procedure type	REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Procedure subtype	Rules
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 237-p1

Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/7/14050

Documentation gateway

Committee draft report		PE519.723	30/01/2014	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE529.818	20/02/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0253/2014	26/03/2014	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0409/2014	16/04/2014	EP	Summary

EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 90: international agreements

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs adopted the report by David MARTIN (S&D, UK) on the amendment of Rule 90 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure on international agreements.

Members proposed authorising the presentation of opinions in the context of the scrutiny of international agreements by the Parliament: by extending the scope of application of Rule 90(4) from the duration of the negotiations to the duration of the entire procedure from the beginning of the negotiations to the conclusion of the agreement, Parliament could intervene at any moment in order to clarify its position in view of the consent which it is required to give.

Rule 90 paragraph 5 of the Rules should be amended so as to provide that requests by the Council for Parliament's consent or opinion should be referred by the President to the committee responsible for consideration in accordance with Rule 81 or Rule 43(1).

Before the vote is taken, the committee responsible, a political group or at least one-tenth of the Members may propose that Parliament seek an opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility of an international agreement with the Treaties.

EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 90: international agreements

The European Parliament decided by 650 votes to 15, with 8 abstentions, to amend Rule 90 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure on international agreements.

The amendments adopted are as follows:

Opinions in the context of the scrutiny of international agreements by the Parliament (Rule 90(4)): at any stage of the negotiations and from the end of the negotiations to the conclusion of the international agreement, Parliament may, on the basis of a report from the committee responsible, adopt recommendations and require them to be taken into account before the conclusion of that agreement.

Review by the committee responsible (Rule 90(5)): requests by the Council for Parliament's consent or opinion should be referred by the President to the committee responsible for consideration in accordance with Rule 81 or Rule 43(1).

Opinion of the Court of Justice (Rule 90(6)): before the vote is taken, the committee responsible, a political group or at least one-tenth of the Members may propose that Parliament seek an opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility of an international agreement with the Treaties.