

European Parliament Resolution: excerpt on commitology (24 October 1996)

Caption: European Parliament Resolution of 24 October 1996 on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1997 - Section III - Commission. The European Parliament arrives at a decision on commitology.

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The European Parliament,

[...]

Commitology

72. Takes note of the Commission's undertakings concerning commitology, which followed Parliament's negotiations with the Council and Commission; recalls the terms which provide, besides matters already agreed, that:

(a) in order to keep the European Parliament informed of the work of the executive committees, the Commission shall make available to Parliament, in good time in advance of committee discussions, the annotated agendas for each meeting of management and regulatory committees;

(b) the Commission shall make available to Parliament the results of votes in management and regulatory committees (votes for and against and abstentions);

(c) the Commission will require all members of management and regulatory committees, other than public service officials, to sign, on appointment, a declaration that there is no conflict between their membership of the committee concerned and their personal interests; in the event of such conflict arising during the work of the committee, they will inform the chairman of the committee and will not participate in the discussion on the issue; the chairman of the committee will point out that this obligation applies to all members;

(d) if Parliament or a parliamentary committee wishes to attend the discussion on certain items on the agenda of a committee, the chairman will put the request to the committee, which may take a decision; if the committee does not accept the request, the chairman must give reasons for the decision; Parliament may wish to publicize such reasons;

73. Instructs its committees to take account of this new agreement, so as to follow closely the activities of the executive committees in their sectors; instructs its Rules Committee to consider any effects this new agreement might have on its Rules of Procedure;

74. Resolves that it will return to this matter after it has taken cognizance of the outcome of the Intergovernmental Conference concerning transparency and openness, and in the meantime will take it up with the Council;

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