

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC
GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

AMENDMENTS proposed by the HELLENIC PARLIAMENT

Paragraph 1 of the Preamble: Delete “and Financial” (*same applies to the rest of the document – The term economic is broad and may also include the financial dimension*)

Delete paragraph 3 of Preamble (*it is repeated in paragraph 1.1 and it is more relevant there, as chapter 1 refers to the scope of the Conference*)

Delete paragraph 4 of Preamble (*agree with the UK delegation*)

Paragraph 1.1 could be formed as follows: The Interparliamentary Conference on Economic Governance (*or other acronym*) shall provide a framework for debate that strengthens the cooperation between national Parliaments and the European Parliament and that contributes to ensuring democratic accountability and legitimacy of the decisions taken in the context of a more integrated financial, budgetary and economic policy framework, without prejudicing the competences of the EU Parliaments (*in line with the Nicosia Speaker’s Conference Conclusions*)

Paragraph 1.2: -Accept the UK delegation amendment.

-Delete “and the European.....each year” and add “The Presidency Parliaments may convene extraordinary meetings of relevant Committees’ Chairpersons, if deemed necessary, after consultation with the Presidential Troika”

Paragraph 1.3: Delete “on matters related toTSCG”

Delete Chapter 2 (*deemed unnecessary because it is repeated in the preamble*)

Paragraph 3.1: -Not accept the French delegation proposal (*not cost effective as mandated in the Speakers’ Conclusions and no need for such a big Conference to be realised more often*)

-Replace “it shall” with “and”

-3rd line could be formed as follows: In the first semester of each year, it shall be held in Brussels, in the framework of European Parliamentary Week and will be co-hosted and.....

Paragraph 3.2: Delete last sentence (*no need to define the size*)

Paragraph 3.4: Accept both amendments of the UK delegation

Paragraph 3.6: -Delete “including by Parliaments other than the presiding Parliament(s)” (*complicates organizational arrangements*)

-Not accept UK delegation proposal (*no need as it is not stated otherwise- the events will take place in the framework of the Conference and thus they are subject to same rules*)

Delete Paragraph 3.7 (*The adoption of any text by the Conference shall be stated in Chapter 7- Conclusions*)

Paragraph 4.1: -Not accept Polish delegation amendment (*no need as it is not defined otherwise*)

-Delete “The composition and size... each Parliament” and add instead: National Parliaments shall be represented by a maximum number of six (6) Members of Parliament. In case of a National Parliament consisting of two Chambers, the number of delegates from each Chamber shall be defined according to internal agreement (*there must be provision for a maximum number of delegates, so that there is equal representation from every NP and also for cost limitation reasons*)

- Add : When the Conference is held in the country of the Presidency Parliament, the European Parliament shall be represented by a maximum number of fifteen (15) Members. When the Conference is held in Brussels, the European Parliament shall decide about its optimal representation size

- Delete “The hosting Parliament(s).... delegation size”

- Add in the end: The decision on the composition of delegations should rest upon each Parliament.

Delete Paragraph 4.3 (*no needed as it is has been provided in 4.2 in a more general context. Also, not only one Commissioner is competent*)

Paragraph 5.1: Replace 2nd sentence with “Other Parliaments may propose the inclusion of specific items in the agenda, two months prior to the Conference, at the latest.”

Paragraph 5.1 and 5.3: Accept Polish delegation proposals

Not accept paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 proposed by the Polish delegation (*The Presiding Parliament(s) should make the decision on the final agenda. The other national Parliaments’ participation in the formation of the agenda is provided in paragraph 5.1*)

Paragraph 7.1: Accept the UK delegation proposal

Paragraph 7.3: Replace “and Member(s) of the European Commission....affairs” with “competent Commissioners and members of competent European Institutions”

Paragraph 8.2: Accept the UK delegation proposal

Delete Paragraph 9.1 (*limited time scope, therefore not applying thereafter. Also, the revision of the Conference arrangements is provided for in the Conclusions of the Nicosia Speakers Conference*)