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Questionnaire for the Parliaments of the member states

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Scrutiny of european policy by member states national parliaments

1°) Since 1995, has the role of your committee been modified, either in its proceedings or in its relationship to other bodies in your Parliament?

The role of the general committee for European Affairs has not been modified since 1995.

But since 1999, Dutch members of the European Parliament have the right of speech in our national Parliament in debates regarding the European Union. This means the participation (the right of speech) of Europarlamentarians to committee meetings and once a year to a plenary debate.

2°) Do you think that your committee receives european legislative proposals in sufficient time ? Has the protocol on the role of the national Parliaments in the european Union of the Treaty of Amsterdam improved the situation?

In general our committee receives european legislative proposals in sufficient time. The protocol in the Amsterdam Treaty didn't change the situation.

3°) Do you think that your committee gets an adequate period of time to consider these legislative proposals? Has the aforementioned protocol improved the situation?

In general our committee gets an adequate period of time to consider these legislative proposals. The aforementioned protocol didn't change the situation.

4°) Art. 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the European Union is the base for the notion of 'legislative proposal' as understood by the protocol on the role of the national Parliaments in the European Union of the Treaty of Amsterdam. In your opinion, is this definition satisfactory or do you think that some acts, not deemed as legislative by art. 7, should be included in the definition?

If so, which ones?

The definition is satisfactory.

5°) Do you think your committee sufficiently informed, and in good time, on the proceedings of other EU affairs committees? In what ways could the system be improved?

Our committee is sufficiently informed, but improvements can be made in the timing of the receiving of documents. The late timing often makes a thorough preparation on the debate difficult.

6°) Are members of your committee participants to the joint meetings organized by the European Parliament? If such is the case, is there any improvements you would like to suggest?

If possible, our members participate to the joint meetings by the European Parliament.