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**STATE OF PLAY ON REASONED OPINIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS UNDER PROTOCOL 2
OF THE LISBON TREATY**

This note by the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments provides an update of submissions received by the European Parliament in the context of Protocol 2 during the period 9 September - 13 October 2014.

Protocol 2 of the Lisbon Treaty sets out a review mechanism involving national Parliaments regarding proposed legislation which does not fall under the exclusive competence of the European Union. Thus, national Parliaments/Chambers may review within eight weeks of transmission such proposed legislation and issue a "reasoned opinion" if they consider that a draft EU legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity. Reasoned opinions are translated into all EU official languages (with the exception of Gaelic and Maltese). In the majority of cases, submissions from national Parliaments go beyond the issue of subsidiarity, discussing the substantive merits of proposals. These submissions are called "contributions". Contributions may be translated into one other language on special request by the Committee Chair or the Rapporteur¹.

Pursuant to Rule 42(3) of the Rules of Procedure, all reasoned opinions are referred to the Committee(s) responsible for the draft legislative act and forwarded for information to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Contributions are referred to the Committee(s) responsible for the draft legislative act (Rule 142(4) of the Rules of Procedure).

The Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments advises the political bodies, Members and the secretariat of the EP in their institutional cooperation and legislative dialogue with the national Parliaments. Within this Directorate, the Legislative Dialogue Unit provides Members of the European Parliament, in particular Rapporteurs, with specific expertise on national Parliaments submissions throughout the legislative cycle.

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¹ 'Common approach for the treatment at Committee level of national Parliaments reasoned opinions and all other contributions of national Parliaments' adopted by the Conference of Committee Chairs on 14.12.2010.
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I. Draft legislative acts eliciting numerous reasoned opinions and/or contributions from national Parliaments (9 September 2014 - 13 October 2014)²

ENVI Committee Rapporteur: To be appointed	Procedure: 2014/0201(COD)	COM(2014)397	Deadline: 6 October 2014
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment			
2 reasoned opinions: Austrian <i>Bundesrat</i> , Croatian Parliament			
8 contributions: Polish Senate, Maltese Parliament, Portuguese Parliament, Spanish <i>Cortes</i> , German <i>Bundesrat</i> , Czech Senate, Italian Senate and Czech Chamber			

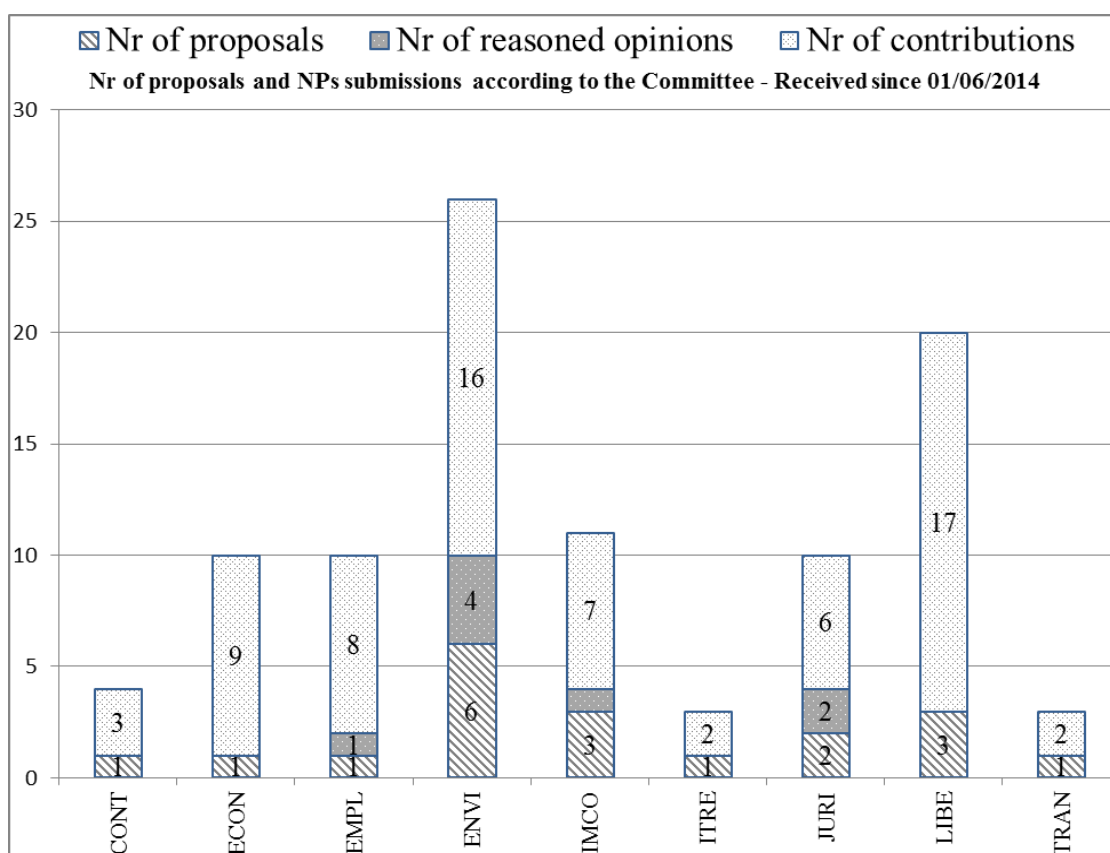
FACTS & FIGURES

I. Since the previous State of Play note (9 September 2014)

Since the previous update on the State of Play regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **2 reasoned opinions**, **32 contributions** on a total of **18 different legislative proposals**.

II. For the 8th legislative term (2014-2019)

Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **19 draft legislative acts**, **8 reasoned opinions** and **72 contributions**.



² In this section reference is made to draft legislative acts for which at least *one reasoned opinion* or *four contributions* have been presented during the period under examination.

III. Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (1 December 2009)

Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty a total of **491 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 487 of those draft legislative acts are Commission proposals, while the remaining 4 are Council initiatives. In response, the European Parliament has received a total of **1841 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **296 are reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1545 are contributions**.

