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Transparency Register Contact Group

Summary

meeting of Wednesday 10 October 2018

(12:45 - 13:45)

Room ASP 05E 02

BRUSSELS

The meeting was chaired by:

Ms GUILLAUME, Vice-President, and Ms HÜBNER, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

1. Chair's announcements

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- heard Ms GUILLAUME, Vice-President, report that the two lead negotiators had been invited to the Conference of Presidents, on 27 September 2018, and to the Bureau, on 1 October 2018, to report on the state of play of negotiations, following the Commission decision of 18 July 2018 to mandate Mr TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission, to propose to suspend negotiations if the positions of Parliament and Council remained unchanged.

2. State of play of the negotiations on the Commission proposal for a mandatory Transparency Register

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- heard Ms GUILLAUME report that, in view of the Commission decision of 18 July 2018 and following the lead negotiators' recommendations by letter of 13 September 2018, the Conference of Presidents, at its meeting on 27 September 2018, underlined that the inter-institutional negotiations on an improved transparency register should continue, taking into account the progress that had been made;
- heard Ms GUILLAUME further report that the Conference of Presidents intended to

return to the matter at a subsequent meeting with a view to an endorsement of the lead negotiators' proposed two-fold approach, consisting of a recommendation that negotiations continue based on Parliament's mandate and that the measures that had been endorsed, in principle, by the Conference of Presidents on 27 June 2018, in the context of the negotiations, already be recommended to the Bureau for consideration with a view to implementation before the end of the parliamentary term;

- heard Ms HÜBNER, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO), note that that approach would underline Parliament's commitment to transparency as the EU institution representing citizens directly at Union level;
- heard Ms HÜBNER report on the postponement of the vote in AFCO on the report on amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure, as additional time had been requested to consider amendments relating to meetings of rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs with interest representatives;
- heard Mr GIEGOLD enquire about the Bureau meeting on 1 October 2018;
- heard Ms GUILLAUME and Ms HÜBNER underline the importance of a proper sequencing of decisions by Parliament's governing bodies, noting that, following an endorsement of the two-fold approach by the Conference of Presidents, the Bureau could already commence the consideration of the implementation of specific measures, particularly in view of the limited time remaining until the end of the parliamentary term;
- held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr WIELAND, EPP Group, Mr LEINEN, S&D Group, Ms RUOHONEN-LERNER, ECR Group, Ms PAGAZAURTUNDUA RUIZ, ALDE Group, Mr GIEGOLD, Greens/EFA Group, Mr DE JONG, GUE/NGL Group, and Ms ADINOLFI, EFDD Group, during which broad support for the approach of the lead negotiators was expressed, and which focussed, inter alia, on:
 -) the legal scope of Members' independent mandate;
 -) the approach chosen for the Code of Appropriate Behaviour for Members and the declaration relating to that code;
 -) the AFCO report on amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure;
 -) the culture of transparency in the EU institutions;
- heard Ms GUILLAUME and Ms HÜBNER thank Members for their support and conclude that they would present the two-fold approach to the Conference of Presidents, and that considerations in AFCO were a parallel process that should not hinder the inter-institutional negotiations from continuing based on the adopted mandate;
- endorsed the lead negotiators' approach.

3. **Any other business**

There was none.

ATTENDANCE LIST

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Lead Negotiators

Ms GUILLAUME Sylvie
Ms HÜBNER Danuta

Members

Mr WIELAND Rainer (EPP)
Mr LEINEN Jo (S&D)
Ms RUOHONEN-LERNER Pirkko (ECR)
Ms PAGAZAURTUNDÚA RUIZ Maite (ALDE)
Mr GIEGOLD Sven (Greens/EFA)
Mr DE JONG Dennis (GUE/NGL)
Ms ADINOLFI Isabella (EFDD)

Also present

Mr WINKLER Markus, Deputy Secretary-General

Cabinet of the President

Ms GLATIGNY Valerie

Office of the Secretary-General

Mr SCHONARD Pascal

Office of the Deputy Secretary-General

Mr SCHWARZ Jakob

CoP Secretariat

Ms WOLLNY Sonia
Mr ROHLJE Gregor
Ms MILSOM Rebecca

DG Presidency

Mr LANE Nikolas
Ms BAUER Elisabeth
Ms THIEL Marie
Mr HOFKAMP Jelmer
Ms HOLZAPFEL Verena

DG IPOL

Mr NOVAK Petr

Legal Service

Ms LUCENTE Stefania

Political Groups

Ms GHEORGHIU Cornelia, EPP
Mr CERASANI Francesco, S&D

Mr KOTRO Olli, ECR
Mr WIJNSMA Sietse, ALDE
Ms VOGEL Melanie, Greens/EFA
Ms ASLETT-RYDBJERG Maj, GUE/NGL

Members' Assistants

Ms BARREIRA Lucie
Mr MATLAK Michal
Ms GARLINSKA Aleksandra
Mr WEGMANN Robert
Mr PESCHER Fabian
Mr CERCAS FERNANDEZ Alejandro
Mr VAN DER LOO Diederik
Mr BECK Christian
Mr VALLUCCI Davide
Mr FAILLA Michele