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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 14 November - 7 December 2015.

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 Rapporteur<sup>1</sup>.

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.

**All national Parliament documents officially received by the EP are  
available in the "Connect" database on the EP intranet:  
<http://www.connect.ep.parl.union.eu>**

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<sup>1</sup> '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.

## I. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS ELICITING NUMEROUS REASONED OPINIONS AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS (14 NOVEMBER 2015 - 7 DECEMBER 2015)<sup>2</sup>

<b>ENVI Committee</b> Rapporteur: Ian DUNCAN	Procedure: <b>2015/0148(COD)</b>	<b>COM(2015)0337</b>	Deadline: <b>28/10/2015</b>
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments <b>2 contributions:</b> Czech Senate, Luxembourg Parliament			
<b>ITRE Committee</b> Rapporteur: Dario TAMBURRANO	Procedure: <b>2015/0149(COD)</b>	<b>COM(2015)0341</b>	Deadline: <b>19/10/2015</b>
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting a framework for energy efficiency labelling and repealing Directive 2010/30/EU <b>2 contributions:</b> Czech Senate, Romanian Chamber			
<b>LIBE Committee</b> Rapporteur: Agustín DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA	Procedure: <b>2013/0091(COD)</b>	<b>COM(2013)0173</b>	Deadline: <b>25/06/2013</b>
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repealing Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA <b>1 contribution:</b> Cypriot Parliament			

## II. FACTS & FIGURES

### A. Since the previous State of Play note (17 November 2015)

Since the previous update on the State of Play, the European Parliament has received:

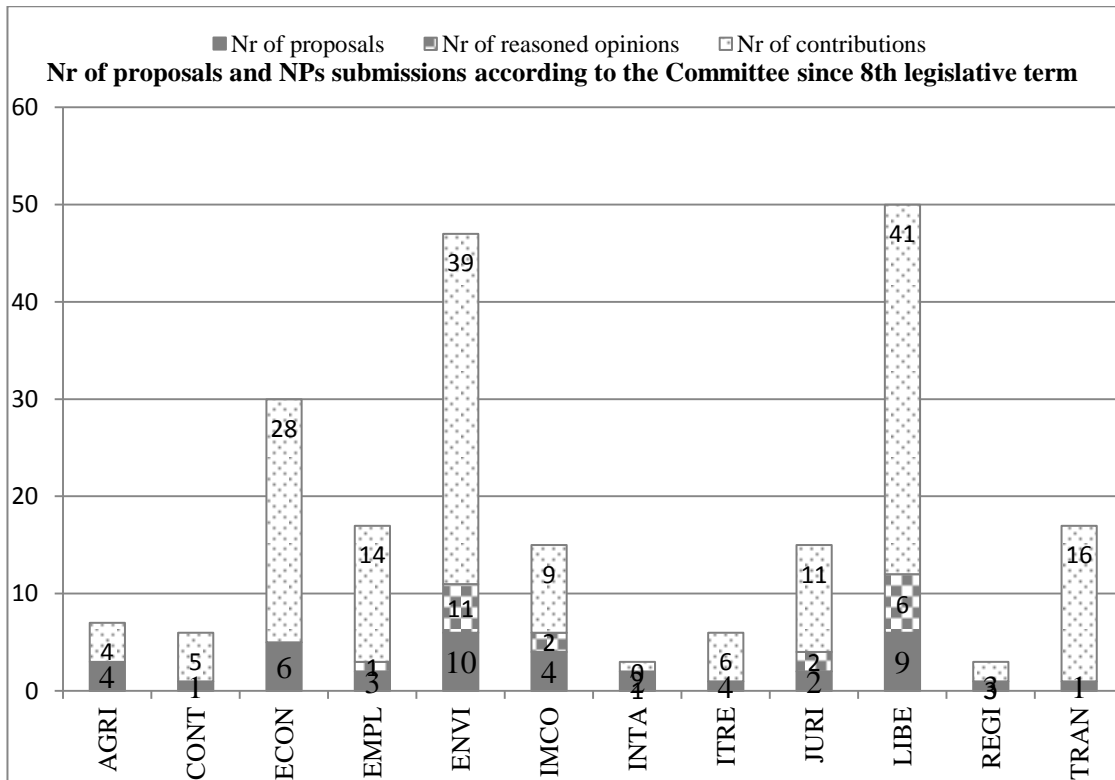
- **2 draft legislative acts** in the context of Protocol 2,
- **5 contributions** by national Parliaments on different draft legislative acts.

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

Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **44 draft legislative acts**, **22 reasoned opinions** and **179 contributions**.

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<sup>2</sup> In this section, reference is made to draft legislative acts for which at least one reasoned opinion has been transmitted during the current period under examination, or four contributions during the current and previous periods under examination.



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

Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty a total of **513 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 509 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 **2009 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **311 reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1698 are contributions**.

