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Transparency Register Contact Group

Summary

meeting of Tuesday 26 June 2018

(12:00 - 13:00)

Room PHS 06B 054

BRUSSELS

The meeting was chaired by:

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

1. Chair's announcements

The Contact Group

- heard Ms GUILLAUME, Vice-President, introduce the item by reiterating the lead negotiators' commitment to conducting the negotiations as transparently as possible, and by recalling the negotiation documents that had been circulated to Members of the Contact Group;
- further heard her recall the specific circumstances of the negotiations for the conclusion of an inter-institutional agreement on the Transparency Register which were distinct from inter-institutional negotiations on legislative files or in other domains;
- heard Ms HÜBNER, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, report that the stakeholder-information session of the three institutions previously planned for June 2018 had been postponed until autumn 2018.

2. Debriefing by the negotiators on the second round of negotiations on the Commission proposal for a mandatory Transparency Register, on 12 June 2018

The Contact Group

- heard Ms HÜBNER report that, at the second round of negotiations, the two lead

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negotiators had reiterated the urgency of concluding an agreement in due time before the end of the parliamentary term in view of the necessary internal procedures of the institutions for adopting and implementing such an agreement;

- heard Ms HÜBNER report that the Council Presidency, with a view to facilitating a meaningful participation of the Council, had obtained the support of a large majority of Member States to propose a political declaration by which Member States would publicly and voluntarily commit their Permanent Representatives and Deputy Permanent Representatives to meet only with registered interest representatives during the six months leading up to and the six months of their respective Presidencies;
- heard Ms HÜBNER further report that the lead negotiators had presented proposals on conditionality for Parliament's side and that, in full respect of the free mandate of Members guaranteed under primary law and with a view to establishing an approach that would further strengthen the culture of transparency in Parliament and support the constructive dynamics of the inter-institutional negotiations, the lead negotiators had elaborated a proposal for a voluntary declaration for Members who wished to adopt the systematic practice of only meeting with registered interest representatives, and, in addition, a proposal for a tool for Members who wished to publish their meetings with interest representatives on Parliament's website;
- 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, and Mr JÁVOR, replacing Mr GIEGOLD, Greens/EFA Group, during which broad support for the approach of the lead negotiators was expressed, and which focussed, inter alia, on:
 - the scope of the agreement;
 - aspects of conditionality and definitions of technical terms;
 - the freedom of Members' mandate;
 - the culture of transparency in the EU institutions;
 - the different roles and functions Members had in exercising their mandate;
- heard Ms GUILLAUME thank Members for their support and note that the lead negotiators would present their approach to the Conference of Presidents for endorsement, on 27 June 2018.

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 JÁVOR Benedek

(Greens/EFA)

Also present

Mr WINKLER Markus, Deputy Secretary-General

Cabinet of the President

Mr WEISS Michael

Mr GAT Akos Bence

Office of the Secretary-General

Mr SCHONARD Pascal

Mr BARTOSZEWICZ MALICKI Piotr

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

Mr VAN DEN BOGART Flupke

DG IPOL

Mr NOVAK Petr

Legal Service

Mr RÖSSLEIN Ulrich

Political Groups

Ms GHEORGHIU Cornelia, EPP

Mr CERASANI Francesco, S&D

Mr KOTRO Olli, ECR

Ms SYSKA Oliwia, ECR

Mr WIJNSMA Sietse, ALDE

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Ms VOGEL Melanie, Greens/EFA
Ms ASLETT-RYDBJERG Maj, GUE/NGL
Ms VALLET Joelle, ENF

Members' Assistants

Ms BARREIRA Lucie
Mr MATLAK Michal
Mr LANG Sebastian
Mr PESCHER Fabian
Mr VAN DER LOO Diederik
Mr BECK Christian
Mr FAILLA Michele
Mr CERCAS FERNANDEZ Alejandro
Mr SAEZ Antonio