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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 13 May 2015 - 2 June 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 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.

**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>**

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.

I. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS ELICITING NUMEROUS REASONED OPINIONS AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS (13 MAY 2015 - 2 JUNE 2015)²

ECON Committee Rapporteur: FERBER Markus	Procedure: 2015/0068(CNS)	COM(2015)135	Deadline: 25/05/2015
Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation. 4 contributions: German <i>Bundesrat</i> , Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Senate and Belgian Chamber			

II. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS SUBJECT TO PROTOCOL 2 ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR DEBATE OF THE JUNE PLENARY PART-SESSION (8 - 11 June 2015)³

AGRI Committee Rapporteur: SIEKIERSKI Czesław Adam	Procedure: 2015/0070(COD)	COM(2015)141	Deadline: 21/05/2015
Proposal for a REGULATION of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015. 1 contribution: Italian Senate			

JURI Committee Rapporteur: GAETANO Sergio	Procedure: 2014/0121(COD)	COM(2014)213	Deadline: 10/06/2014
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2007/36/EC as regards the encouragement of long-term shareholder engagement and Directive 2013/34/EU as regards certain elements of the corporate governance statement. 4 contributions: German <i>Bundesrat</i> , Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Chamber and Spanish <i>Cortes</i>			

III. FACTS & FIGURES

A. Since the previous State of Play note (12 May 2015)

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

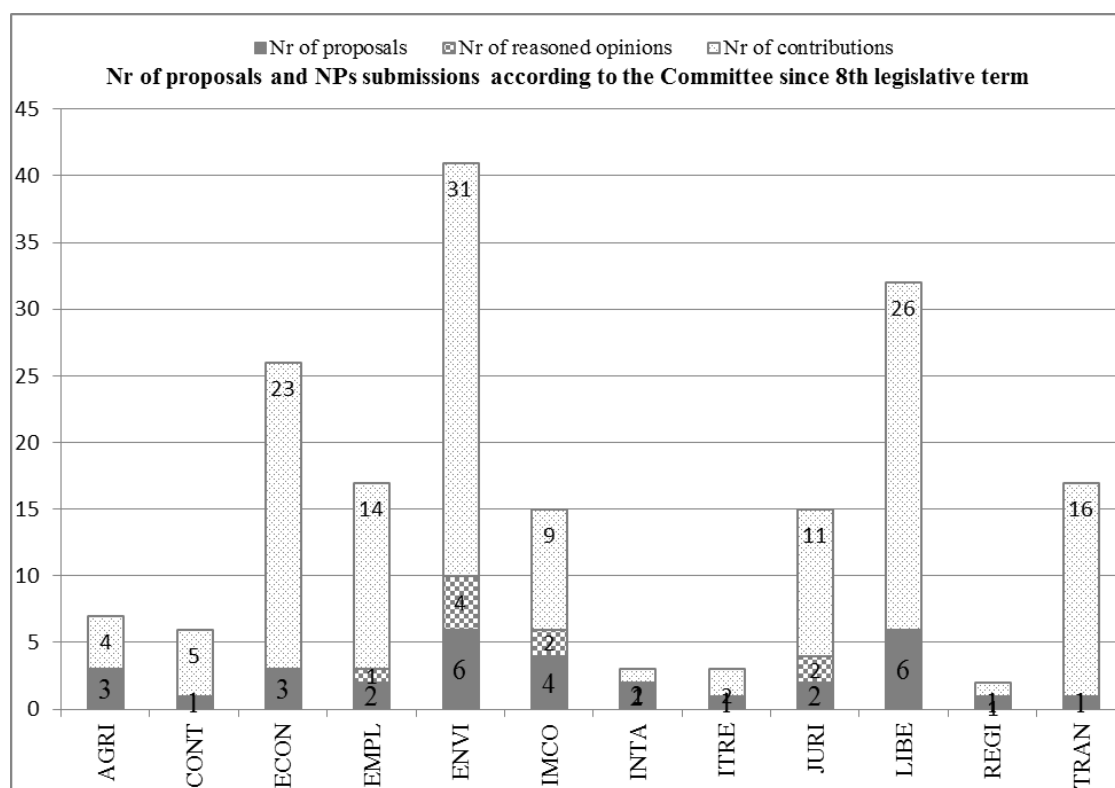
- **6 contributions** by national Parliaments on different draft legislative acts.

² 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.

³ Information contained in this section is provisional and subject to change following decisions by the Conference of Presidents or the Plenary. Information is presented in alphabetical order on the basis of the acronym of the committees concerned. The number of reasoned opinions and contributions mentioned refers to the total number of these submissions received to-date.

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

Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **34 draft legislative acts**, **9 reasoned opinions** and **143 contributions**.



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 **503 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 499 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 **1957 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **298 are reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1659 are contributions**.



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