



Joint Statement by European Commission President von der Leyen and European Parliament President Metsola on the revision of the Interinstitutional Framework Agreement

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Today we have agreed on a set of new principles that will strengthen the cooperation between the European Parliament and the European Commission. The revision of the Interinstitutional [Framework Agreement](#) will reinforce relations between our Institutions, ensure greater transparency and better dialogue. It will help our institutions to work seamlessly and deliver for our citizens. Following our political agreement, work at technical level will start immediately.

ANNEX

Political principles agreed between the President of the European Parliament and the President of the European Commission that would form the basis of a revision of the 2010 Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission.

1. The principle of equal treatment of the Parliament and the Council and the role of the Commission as an honest broker, especially through ensuring the flow of comprehensive, timely and detailed information to Parliament.
2. The strengthening of the political responsibility of the Commission by ensuring the presence of Commissioners in Parliament (plenary, committees).
3. The commitment to provide comprehensive justification and information on the exceptional cases where the proposals by the Commission are based on Article 122 TFEU.
4. Commitment to define a clear mechanism for the use of the urgent/fast-track decision-making.
5. Commission commits to further strengthening interinstitutional cooperation on budgetary matters; and is ready to put forward, as part of the next MFF, a proposal for a new Interinstitutional Agreement. The exact content of this agreement will need to be agreed by the three institutions.
6. Commitment to explore how to improve the information flow regarding international agreements and, within its competences, CFSP/CSDP.
7. Predictable process to consult Commission on amendments to Parliament Rules of Procedure affecting the Commission's rights and prerogatives.
8. The strengthening of Parliament's right of initiative under Article 225 TFEU by enhancing the follow-up by the Commission to corresponding resolutions.
9. Modernisation of the provisions on the exchange of confidential information.

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