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## **Rules of Procedure**

THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT AND THE BUREAUX OF THE FIVE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DELEGATIONS FOR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES\* HAVE AGREED THAT THE XVIITH EUROPEAN UNION-LATIN AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE FOLLOWING RULES OF PROCEDURE:

- Rule 1 The XVIIth EU-Latin American Interparliamentary Conference shall be made up of the delegations of the Latin American Parliament and the European Parliament. The delegations shall be constituted in accordance with the internal procedures of each Parliament.
- Rule 2 The XVIIth Conference shall have the following bodies - Plenary,
  - the Conference Bureau and
  - the Drafting Committee
- Rule 3 Proceedings in plenary shall be chaired alternately by the Presidents of the European Parliament and the Latin American Parliament. A member of the Bureau of each delegation may deputise for the President.
- Rule 4 The Conference Bureau shall be made up of the President of the European Parliament and the five Chairs (or their substitutes) of the Delegations for Relations with Latin American countries and the members of the Executive Bureau of the Latin American Parliament designated to that effect.
- Rule 5 The Drafting Committee of the Final Act of the Conference shall be made up of six members designated specifically by the Executive Bureau of the Latin American Parliament and six members designated specifically by the European Parliament, among whom will be included the rapporteurs of the central reports of the Conference.
- Rule 6 The Conference Bureau shall propose an agenda for the proceedings in plenary and shall adopt all the decisions relating to the smooth functioning of the Conference including the reception of proposals of any kind and ensuing treatment thereof.
- Rule 7 In the closing plenary sitting, a draft Final Act shall be submitted to Plenary and the Conference will seek to adopt it by consensus.
- Rule 8 No amendments specific to the draft Final Act may be tabled during the closing plenary sitting. However, it shall be possible to accept a separate vote on the paragraphs on which no consensus has been reached. This separate vote

<sup>\*</sup> Delegation for Relations with the Countries of Central America, Delegation for Relations with Mercosur, Delegation for Relations with the countries of the Andean Community, Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee and Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee EPADES\DELE\LATI\DV\569225EN 2 PE 358.840

must be requested at least by one national delegation of the Latin American Parliament or by a political group of the European Parliament.

- Rule 9 In accordance with the previous rule, if it should be necessary to proceed to a vote for the adoption of texts or the taking of decisions, a majority of the votes cast separately shall be required, both in the delegation of the Latin American Parliament and the delegation of the European Parliament.
- Rule 10 Observers shall be permitted to participate in the debates of the Interparliamentary Conference at the invitation of the Conference Bureau.
- Rule 11 The Chair shall rule on any matters arising in the course of the proceedings for which these Rules of Procedure do not provide.

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