

# **DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE**

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## **EU - Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee**

### **Rule 1**

The EU- Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is established on the basis of Article 87 of the Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and the Republic of Moldova ratified by the European Parliament on 30 November 1995 and by Moldova on 3 November 1995.

### **Rule 2**

The task of the EU- Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the EU and the Republic of Moldova and, in particular, the implementation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

### **Rule 3**

The EU - Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be composed of an agreed number of members appointed by the European Parliament and the Moldovan Parliament.

The term of office of the members shall be decided in accordance with the rules and practice, respectively, of the European Parliament and the Moldovan Parliament.

### **Rule 4**

The Bureau of the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chairman of the delegation of the Moldovan Parliament, (hereafter referred to as the Co-Chairmen) and two Vice-Chairmen of each delegation.

The Committee shall be presided in turn by the Chairman of the European Parliament delegation and the Chairman of the delegation of the Moldovan Parliament. The Chairman-in-office shall, where necessary, be replaced by the first or second Vice-Chairman of his or her delegation.

### **Rule 5**

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, recommendations may be made to the Cooperation Council, the European Parliament's committee responsible and to the Moldovan Parliament.

Recommendations shall be considered adopted if they receive the support of a majority of the members of the delegation of the European Parliament and of the delegation of the Moldovan Parliament.

### **Rule 6**

The EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall normally meet once a year, alternately in one of the workplaces of the European Parliament and in the Republic of Moldova.

The draft agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Co-Chairpersons, shall normally be sent to Members two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting.

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee decides otherwise.

### **Rule 7**

Members of the Cooperation Council, the Council of Ministers of the EU, and members of the European Commission, may attend and speak at meetings. Other persons may be invited to attend meetings by the Co-Chairmen.

### **Rule 8**

The Secretariat of the EU- Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be provided jointly by the secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with officials designated by the Moldovan Parliament.

Minutes shall be drawn up of each session of the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee for approval at the opening of the following meeting.

### **Rule 9**

Members may address meetings of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee in an official language of the European Union or in Romanian. Translation and interpretation will be provided on the basis of decisions of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, and in accordance with the internal rules of the European Parliament.

### **Rule 10**

The travel expenses and subsistence allowances of Committee members and officials assisting them shall be paid by the Parliament that has appointed them.

Other expenses entailed by the meetings and activities of the Committee shall be apportioned between the European Parliament and the Moldovan Parliament.

### **Rule 11**

Changes to these rules, proposed by the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureaux of the European Parliament and the equivalent organ of the Moldova Parliament.