EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 13(1): election of Vice-Presidents, interpretation

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The Committee on Constitutional Affairs, which had been consulted on the application of Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure, provided the following interpretation on that provision:

'If a Vice-President is to be replaced and there is only one candidate, he or she may be elected by acclamation. The President is empowered to decide, at his discretion, whether the election is to take place by acclamation or by a secret ballot. The candidate elected takes the place of his or her predecessor in the order of precedence.'