EP Rules of Procedure, Rule 47: enhanced cooperation between committees

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Richard CORBETT (PES, UK) on the amendment of Rule 47 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure ‘Enhanced Cooperation between Committees’. The report adopted by 625 votes in favour to 19 against with 15 abstentions. (Please refer to the summary dated 10/04/2007).

The House also adopted a joint amendment by the **PES, ALDE, EPP-ED et GUE/NGL** which states that:

- as regards the procedure with associated committees, where a question of competence has been referred to the Conference of Presidents pursuant to Rules 179(2) or 45, and the Conference of Presidents, on the basis of Annex VI, considers that the matter falls almost equally within the competence of two or more committees, or that different parts of the matter fall under the competence of two or more committees, Rule 46 shall apply with the following additional provisions:

- the rapporteur and the draftsmen shall keep each other informed and shall endeavour to agree on the texts they propose to their committees and on their position regarding amendments;

- the chairmen, rapporteur and draftsmen concerned shall endeavour to jointly identify areas of the text falling within their exclusive or joint competences and agree on the precise arrangements for their cooperation;

- the committee responsible shall accept without a vote amendments from an associated committee where they concern matters which the chairman of the committee responsible considers, on the basis of Annex VI, after consulting the chairman of the associated committee, to fall under the exclusive competence of the associated committee and which do not contradict other elements of the report. The chairman of the committee responsible shall take account of any agreement reached under the third indent.

Lastly, it is provided that in the event of a conciliation procedure taking place on the proposal, Parliament's delegation shall include the draftsman of any associated committee.

It should be noted that the amendment proposed by the Greens/EFA was not accepted at Plenary.