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PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULES 100 AND 54 OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

tabled by Mr M. PROTOPAPADAKIS

pursuant to Rule 112 of the Rules of Procedure

Add to Rule 100 a paragraph 2a reading as follows:

'Texts based on scientific or technical data shall include full details of the source from which they have been taken.'

Add to Rule 54 a sub-paragraph 1(d) reading as follows:

'If it does not include the sources from which have been taken any scientific or technical data referred to in the amendment.'

Justification:

It often happens that motions for resolutions or amendments are submitted to Parliament that are based on scientific or technical data, especially in the energy and environmental protection sectors. In such cases Members are obliged to vote on texts whose soundness it is impossible for them to judge since they do not of course possess the requisite specialized scientific or technical knowledge. The danger thus arises of a resolution being passed that is at odds with science or technology, which diminishes Parliament's authority. The proposed reference to sources from which scientific data have been taken on which a motion for a resolution or an amendment is based will afford Members, including those not specialized in the area under consideration, the opportunity to check the data and to judge whether the latter are sufficient for them to support the political decision in question.