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DRAFT AMENDMENT TO RULES 33 AND 104 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

tabled by Mr PANNELLA

pursuant to Rule 112 of the Rules of Procedure

Rule 33(4a) (new)

When a committee meets to take a decision, Members who do not belong to it may participate fully in its proceedings, but may only cast an advisory vote.

Rule 104(4), first paragraph to read as follows:

'Without prejudice to Rule 33(4a) and Rule 101(7), Members may attend meetings of committees to which they do not belong but may not take part in their deliberations.'

Justification: Committees meeting to take a decision are acting on behalf of the House. If committees asked to take a decision on behalf of Parliament as a whole are to be representative, Members who wish to do so should be able to participate in the debate, put forward proposals and table amendments. The position adopted by such Members should also remain on record, which can be done without altering the numerical or political composition of the committees by allowing such Members an advisory vote.

The purpose of this draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure is to protect the right of all Members who wish to avail themselves of it to participate in Parliament's final deliberations; it also aims to guarantee the rights of members of groups and non-attached Members who are not represented in numerous parliamentary committees.