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drawn up on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee

on an amendment to Rule 37 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European
Parliament concerning the number of vice-chairmen of the committees

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On behalf of the enlarged Bureau, the President of the European Parliament has asked the Legal Affairs Committee to submit a motion for a resolution amending Rule 37(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament concerning the number of vice-chairmen of the committees.

Mr Jozeau-Marigné was appointed rapporteur on 13 April 1973.

At its meeting of 16 May 1973, the Legal Affairs Committee considered this report and unanimously adopted the following motion for a resolution

The following were present: Mr JOZEAU-MARIGNÉ, Vice-Chairman and rapporteur; Mr BERMANI, Vice-Chairman; Mr ARMENGAUD, Mr BANGEMANN, Mr BREWIS, Mr BROKSZ, Mr BRUGGER, Mr CORTERIER, Mr DUVAL, Mr FABBRINI (deputizing for Mr D'ANGELOSANTE), Mr HEGER, Mr LAUTENSCHLAGER, Mr MEMMEL, Mr OUTERS, Mr SCHWORER, Mr VERMEYLEN.

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The Legal Affairs Committee hereby submits the following motion for a resolution to the European Parliament, together with explanatory statement :

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on an amendment to Rule 37(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, concerning the number of vice-chairmen of the committees

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (doc. 75/73),

1. Decides to amend Rule 37(1) of the Rules of Procedure as follows:

Rule 37

'1. Parliament shall set up standing or temporary, general or special committees, and shall define their powers and duties. The Bureau of each committee shall consist of a chairman and one, two or three vice-chairmen. No Representative who is a member of a national government may be a member of the Bureau of a committee.'

Paragraphs 2 to 5 unchanged.

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution for information to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. On 12 March 1973, Parliament adopted a motion for a resolution on the number and composition of the committees of the European Parliament; 12 committees have been set up: 10 of them have 29 members and the other two 35. The two last-named committees are the following:

- Committee on External Economic Relations,
- Committee on Development and Cooperation.

2. At its meeting of 13 March 1973, the enlarged Bureau decided that it would be desirable to fix the number of vice-chairmen of the two committees mentioned above at 3.

The President of Parliament therefore asked the Legal Affairs Committee to draw up a motion for a resolution amending Rule 37(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament accordingly.

3. Your Committee wishes merely to point out that it would not be desirable either to include the name of any particular committee in the text of the Rules of Procedure or to make a distinction between the 'big' committees (those which will have 35 members in 1973-1974) and the others. Furthermore, with greater flexibility, Parliament and its committees would be able to act as circumstances required without having to submit an amendment to the Rules of Procedure to the assembly meeting in plenary sitting.

4. Your Committee therefore proposes to submit to the European Parliament the text of Rule 37(1) amended as follows:

Rule 37(1)

'1. Parliament shall set up standing or temporary, general or special committees, and shall define their powers and duties. The Bureau of each committee shall consist of a chairman and one, two or three vice-chairmen. No Representative who is a member of a national government may be a member of the Bureau of a committee'.

