

Amendment 15**Clare Daly**

on behalf of The Left Group

Report**A9-0215/2023****Vladimír Bilčík, Nathalie Loiseau**

Recommendations for reform of the European Parliament's rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and anti-corruption
(2023/2034(INI))

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 5***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

5. Believes that rules addressing MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs and officials of Parliament and other European institutions should be inspired by the highest standards of transparency, integrity and accountability; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that allow unlawful behaviour need to be systematically identified and thoroughly closed by effective reforms and control capacities; highlights that some current mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing conflicts of interest, enhancing transparency, and preventing, deterring and detecting *foreign* interference and corruption;

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

7. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; calls for these points to be translated into concrete actions as soon as possible; notes that these proposals are an important first step in Parliament's internal reform process; is committed to ensuring that ambitious internal reforms addressing MEPs will take into account the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament; considers that this freedom of mandate must be balanced with the Union's obligations to 'observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions' and with the principles that 'every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union', that 'decisions shall be taken as openly and as closely as possible to the citizen' and that 'the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible' (Article 9 and 10 (3) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union);

7. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; calls for these points to be translated into concrete actions as soon as possible; notes that these proposals are an important first step in Parliament's internal reform process; ***underlines that these points do not cover all of the proposals from the resolution on suspicions of corruption from Qatar and the broader need for transparency and accountability in the European institutions; recommends in particular that a dedicated vice-president be put in charge of integrity and fighting corruption and interference in the Parliament, including foreign interference***; is committed to ensuring that ambitious internal reforms addressing MEPs will take into account the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament; considers that this freedom of mandate must be balanced with the Union's obligations to 'observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions' and with the principles that 'every citizen shall

have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union', that 'decisions shall be taken as openly and as closely as possible to the citizen' and that 'the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible' (Article 9 and 10 (3) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union);

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 11***Motion for a resolution*

11. Recommends *appropriate* security clearance for Parliament officials and political group staff, and evaluation of when security clearance is needed for APAs when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues, such as is in place at the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly; calls on national authorities to follow procedures and a common timeframe whenever they are requested to give security clearance to MEPs and Parliament staff, as well as for any security screening related to the EU institutions;

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11. Recommends security clearance for Parliament officials and political group staff *appropriate to the level of classified or sensitive information they have access to*, and evaluation of when security clearance is needed for APAs when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues, such as is in place at the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly; calls on national authorities to follow procedures and a common timeframe whenever they are requested to give security clearance to MEPs and Parliament staff, as well as for any security screening related to the EU institutions;

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 31***Motion for a resolution*

31. Insists that individual trips undertaken by MEPs are an integral part of their freedom of mandate; ***reiterates its call for mandatory transparency rules for*** trips by MEPs paid for by foreign countries and entities, ***with requirements on the details to be provided including, but not being limited to, the name of the paying agent, a list of expenditure and the reasons for the trip***; recalls that such trips must not be considered official Parliament delegations and calls for the MEPs involved in such trips to avoid any confusion in this respect and for strict sanctions for the failure to do so; considers that missions undertaken by MEPs in their capacity as rapporteur can always be considered official; calls for measures to ensure that the cost of travel to non-EU countries related to the mandate are covered by Parliament;

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31. Insists that individual trips undertaken by MEPs are an integral part of their freedom of mandate; ***calls for a ban on*** trips by MEPs paid for by foreign countries and entities; recalls that such trips must not be considered official Parliament delegations and calls for the MEPs involved in such trips to avoid any confusion in this respect and for strict sanctions for the failure to do so; considers that missions undertaken by MEPs in their capacity as rapporteur can always be considered official; calls for measures to ensure that the cost of travel to non-EU countries related to the mandate are covered by Parliament;

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 49***Motion for a resolution*

49. Calls for the comprehensive financial screening of all interest groups, NGOs and consultancies before they are listed in the Transparency Register, and for a review of all interest representatives currently registered; requests that these organisations also be transparent about the composition of their governing bodies and declare compliance with the relevant legal obligations, particularly financing and accounting obligations; calls for any consulting agencies wishing to register to be transparent about their client structure; requests that a clear legal definition of 'interest representatives' and 'NGO status' be drawn up, which would apply to all organisations wishing to be listed in the Transparency Register and become eligible to receive EU funding; underlines that NGOs that receive money from third parties that are not required to be listed in the Transparency Register must disclose the sources of their funding by providing the same information as all regular registrants;

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49. ***Recalls that the Transparency Register (Annex II) requires that NGOs provide their main sources of funding by category, while this is not the case for commercial interest representatives or their intermediaries, who are merely required to provide an estimate of the annual cost of lobbying;*** calls for the comprehensive financial screening of all interest groups, NGOs and consultancies before they are listed in the Transparency Register, and for a review of all interest representatives currently registered; requests that these organisations also be transparent about the composition of their governing bodies and declare compliance with the relevant legal obligations, particularly financing and accounting obligations; calls for any consulting agencies wishing to register to be transparent about their client structure; requests that a clear legal definition of 'interest representatives' and 'NGO status' be drawn up, which would apply to all organisations wishing to be listed in the Transparency Register and become eligible to receive EU funding; underlines that NGOs that receive money from third parties that are not required to be listed in the Transparency Register must disclose the sources of their funding by providing the same information as all regular

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79

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79. Calls for the EU institutions to work towards tighter internal regulations among the Member States regarding the use, servicing *and* procurement of spyware and surveillance tools and to assess the spyware and surveillance tools currently in use; notes that the EU should use existing regulatory measures to hold malign international operators in the commercial spyware and surveillance technologies industries legally accountable;

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