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<b>Article 1 - Purpose and scope of the interinstitutional agreement</b>			
<p>This interinstitutional agreement establishes a framework for a transparent and ethical interaction between interest representatives engaging in activities covered by this agreement and any of the three institutions.</p>		<p>This interinstitutional agreement establishes a framework for a transparent and ethical interaction between interest representatives engaging in activities covered by this agreement and any of the three institutions.</p> <p><i>By means of individual decisions taken out of their power of internal organisation, the three signatory institutions endorse the principle that interactions with interest representatives shall be conditional upon registration in the Transparency Register and define the types of interaction that they decide to make conditional upon registration according to Article 5.</i></p>	
<b>Article 2 - Definitions</b>			
<p>For the purposes of this interinstitutional agreement, the following definitions shall apply:</p>			
<p>a) 'Interest representatives' shall mean any natural or legal person, or formal/informal groups,</p>			

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associations or networks thereof, engaging in activities covered by this agreement;			
b) ' <i>Applicant</i> ' shall refer to any interest representative applying to join the register;			
c) ' <i>Registrant</i> ' shall refer to any interest representative with an existing entry in the register; d) ' <i>Client</i> ' shall mean an interest representative that has instructed an intermediary to represent the client's own interests vis-à-vis any of the three institutions;			
e) ' <i>Intermediary</i> ' shall mean an interest representative that represents the interests of a client vis-à-vis any of the three institutions;			
f) ' <i>Client – intermediary relationship</i> ' shall mean any contractual relationship between a client and one or more service (sub)providers concerning the provision of a covered activity;			

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<p>g) 'Officials' shall refer to all categories of staff of any of the three institutions.</p>			
	<p><i>ga) For the purposes of this agreement, "activity" shall mean any interest representative's activity carried out with the objective of directly or indirectly influencing the policy and decision-making of the three institutions, as laid down in article 3;</i></p> <p><i>gb) 'Directly influencing' means influencing by way of specific interactions with any of the three institutions, their members or officials, and 'indirectly influencing' means influencing through the use of intermediate vectors, such as the media, public opinion, or other communications;</i></p>		
	<p><i>gc) 'Interaction' shall mean a specific set of activities involving any of the three institutions, their members or officials, carried out with the objective of directly influencing the formulation or</i></p>		

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	<i>implementation of EU policy or legislation as listed in Article 5;</i>		
	<i>gd) 'Incentive' shall mean any measure offered by the three institutions to encourage registration;</i>		
	<i>ge) 'Meeting' shall mean a bilateral or multilateral encounter organised at the initiative of either one or more interest representatives or of one of the three institutions, taking place on institution premises, about a specific issue related to EU policy-making or implementation. Encounters of a purely private or social character, as well as spontaneous encounters, are excluded.</i>		
Article 3 - Activities covered and not covered by the interinstitutional agreement			
1) This agreement applies to activities which promote certain interests by interacting with any of the three signatory institutions, their members or officials, with the objective of influencing the formulation or implementation of policy or legislation, or the decision-	1) This agreement applies to activities which promote certain interests <del>by interacting with any of the three signatory institutions, their members or officials</del> and are <b>carried out</b> with the objective of <b>directly or indirectly</b> influencing the formulation or implementation of		

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<p>making process within these institutions, unless an exception defined in paragraph 2 or in Article 4 applies.</p>	<p>policy or legislation, or the decision-making process <b>within</b> of these <b>three</b> institutions, unless an exception defined in paragraph 2 or in Article 4 applies.</p>		
<p>2) The following activities are not considered to be activities in the sense of paragraph 1:</p>			
<p>a) The provision of legal and other professional advice in the context of a client-intermediary relationship, where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— it consists of representation in the context of a conciliation or mediation procedure aimed at preventing a dispute from being brought before a judicial or administrative body;</li> <li>— it consists of advice given to clients to help them ensure that their activities comply with the existing legal framework; or</li> <li>— it relates to representing clients and safeguarding their fundamental or procedural rights, such as the right to be heard, the</li> </ul>			

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<p>fundamental right of a client to a fair trial, including the right of defence in administrative proceedings, such as activities carried out by lawyers or by any other professionals involved therein.</p>			
<p>b) Submissions made as a party or a third party in the framework of a legal or administrative procedure established by EU law or by international law applicable to the Union and submissions based on a contractual relationship with the institution or based on a grant agreement financed by EU funds.</p>	<p>b) <b>Acting</b> as a party or a third party in the framework of a legal or administrative procedure established by EU law or by international law applicable to the Union.</p>		
	<p><b>ba)</b> Submissions based on a contractual relationship with the institution or based on a grant agreement financed by EU funds.</p>		
	<p><b>bb)</b> <i>Activities carried out pursuant to Article 17 TFEU dialogue between the institutions and churches, religious associations, and philosophical and non-confessional organisations.</i></p>		

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c) Activities of the social partners as participants in the social dialogue pursuant to Article 152 TFEU.			
d) Submissions made in response to direct and specific requests from any of the three institutions, their members or officials, such as requests for factual information, data or expertise.	<del><b>d) Submissions made in response to direct and specific requests from any of the three institutions, their members or officials, such as requests for factual information, data or expertise.</b></del>		
e) The communication of citizens, acting solely in their personal capacity, with any of the three institutions.			
		<b>f) Interactions between any of the three signatory institutions and interest representatives that are part of an association or network which is itself registered in the Register, provided that the interactions take place as part of the activity of the association or network and in the presence thereof.</b>	

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<b>Article 4 - Bodies not covered by the interinstitutional agreement</b>			
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1) Political parties are exempt from registration. However, any organisations created or supported by them which are engaged in activities covered are not exempt from registration.			
2) Churches and religious associations or communities as well as philosophical and non-confessional organisations foreseen in Article 17 TFEU are exempt from registration. However, the representative offices or legal entities, offices and networks created to represent churches, religious communities or philosophical and non-confessional organisations in their relations with the EU institutions, as well as their associations, are not exempt from registration.	2) Churches and religious associations or communities as well as philosophical and non-confessional organisations foreseen in Article 17 TFEU are exempt from registration. However, the representative offices or legal entities, offices and networks created to represent churches, religious communities or philosophical and non-confessional organisations in their relations with the EU institutions, as well as their associations, are not exempt from registration <b>where they engage in activities covered by the register.</b>		

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<p>3) The public authorities of the Member States (including their permanent representations and embassies), at national and subnational level, are exempt from registration, as well as any association of public authorities at the European, national or subnational level, under the condition that they act uniquely on behalf of the relevant public bodies.</p>	<p>3) The public authorities of the Member States (including their permanent representations and embassies), at national and subnational level, are exempt from registration, <b><i>as well as any association of public authorities at the European, national or subnational level,</i></b> under the condition that they act uniquely on behalf of the relevant public bodies. However, any association <b><i>or network</i></b> of public authorities at the European, national or subnational level, is not exempt from registration <b><i>where it engages in interest representation activities covered by the register.</i></b></p>		
<p>4) The public authorities of third countries (including their diplomatic missions and embassies) are exempt from registration.</p>			
<p>5) Intergovernmental organisations, including agencies and bodies emanating from them, are exempt from registration.</p>			

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<b>Article 5 - Interactions conditional upon registration</b>			
<p>1) The three institutions agree to make the following types of interaction conditional upon prior registration of interest representatives:</p> <p>In the European Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to Parliament buildings: eligibility for applying for long-term access passes to the European Parliament premises of individuals representing, or working for, interest representatives;</li> <li>- Committee public hearings: possibility for interest representatives to be invited to</li> </ul>	<p>1) The three institutions <del>agree</del> <b>endorse the principle</b> to make <del>the following-certain</del> types of interaction conditional upon prior registration of interest representatives <b>in the Transparency Register. These include:</b></p> <p><b>In the three institutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Meetings between interest representatives and EU officials from the Secretary-General to the Head of Unit level;</b></li> </ul> <p>In the European Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to Parliament buildings: eligibility for applying for long-term access passes to the European Parliament premises of individuals representing, or working for, interest representatives;</li> <li>- Committee <del>public hearings:</del> <b>invitations to</b> interest representatives to <del>be invited to</del></li> </ul>	<p>1) <b>Each institution shall notify to the Secretariat of the Register the types of interaction that it decides to make conditional upon registration of interest representatives in the Transparency Register.</b></p> <p>In the European Parliament</p> <p>Access to Parliament buildings: eligibility for applying for long-term access passes to the European Parliament premises of individuals representing, or working for, interest representatives;</p> <p>Committee public hearings: possibility for interest representatives to be invited to</p>	

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<p>Speak at a committee hearing as a guest, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(2)(b);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Patronage: granting of patronage to events organised by interest representatives;</li> <li>- Meetings: meetings between interest representatives and members of the European Parliament ('MEPs'), the Secretary-General, Directors-General and Secretaries-General of political groups;</li> </ul>	<p>Speak at <b>public hearings, workshops or other public events as a guest</b>, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(2)(b);</p> <p><del>Patronage: granting of patronage to events organised by interest representatives;</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Other parliamentary bodies: invitations to interest representatives to speak at workshops or other public events, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(2)(b);</b></li> <li>- Meetings: <b>meetings between interest representatives and members of the European Parliament ('MEPs'), the Secretary-General, Directors-General and Secretaries-General of political groups. While meetings with Members are not conditional upon registration, Members should adopt the systematic practice of only meeting with registered interest representatives.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Speak at a committee hearing as a guest, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(2)(b);</p> <p>Patronage: granting of patronage to events organised by interest representatives;</p> <p>Meetings: meetings between interest representatives and members of the European Parliament ('MEPs'), the Secretary-General, Directors-General and Secretaries-General of political groups;</p>	

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<p>- Events: hosting of events organised by interest representatives on the European Parliament's premises;</p> <p>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the European Parliament's activities to interest representatives.</p> <p>In the Council of the European Union</p> <p>- Meetings: meetings between interest representatives and the Ambassador of the current or forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the EU, as well as their deputies in the Committee</p>	<p><b>Members can also draw up a list of their interactions with interest representatives in a legislative footprint, annexed to their reports;</b></p> <p>- Events: <b>co-</b> hosting of events <del>organised by interest representatives</del> on the European Parliament's premises;</p> <p>- <b>Intergroups: participation by interest representatives in intergroup activities;</b></p> <p><del>— Notices: sending of automatic messages about the European Parliament's activities to interest representatives</del></p> <p>In the Council of the European Union</p> <p>- Meetings: meetings between interest representatives and the Ambassador of the current <del>or</del> <b>and</b> forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the EU, as well as their deputies in the Committee</p>	<p>Events: hosting of events organised by interest representatives on the European Parliament's premises;</p> <p>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the European Parliament's activities to interest representatives.</p> <p>In the Council of the European Union</p> <p>Meetings: meetings between interest representatives and the Ambassador of the current or forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the EU, as well as their deputies in the Committee of the</p>	

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<p>of the Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to the European Union, the Council's Secretary-General and Directors-General;</p> <p>- Notices: sending of automatic messages about the Council's activities to interest representatives.</p>	<p>of the Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to the European Union;  <del>the Council's Secretary-General and Directors-General</del></p> <p>- <del>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the Council's activities to interest representatives.</del></p> <p>- <i>Access to Council premises: eligibility for applying for nominative badges giving access to Council's premises of individuals representing, or working for, interest representatives;</i></p> <p>- <i>Public hearings and events: possibility for interest representatives to be invited to speak at hearings or public events organised in Council's premises, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(2)(b);</i></p>	<p><del>Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to the European Union, the Council's Secretary-General and Directors-General;</del></p> <p>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the Council's activities to interest representatives.</p>	

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<p>2) Each of the three institutions shall take the necessary internal measures to give effect to the types of conditionality referred to in paragraph 1.</p>	<p>2) <b><i>Each of the three institutions By means of individual decisions adopted on the basis of their power of self-organisation, each institution</i></b> shall take the necessary internal measures to give effect to the types of conditionality referred to in paragraph 1.</p>	<p>2) Each of the three institutions shall take the necessary internal measures to give effect to the types of conditionality referred to in paragraph 1.</p> <p><b><i>The types of interaction made conditional upon registration shall be consistent with the objectives pursued by the register and may for instance fall in one or more of the following categories:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Access to institutions buildings: eligibility for applying for long-term access passes to premises of individuals representing, or</i></b></li> </ul>	

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		<p><i>working for, interest representatives;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Patronage: granting of patronage to events organised by interest representatives;</i></li> <li>– <i>Meetings: meetings between interest representatives and high level officials and members of the institution, as defined by the individual institutions' decisions;</i></li> <li>– <i>Events: hosting of events organised by interest representatives on the premises;</i></li> <li>– <i>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the institutions' activities to interest representatives.</i></li> <li>– <i>Public consultations and public hearing in line with each institutions' internal rules and respective tasks: possibility for interest representatives to be invited.</i></li> <li>– <i>Other types of interactions identified by the signatories.</i></li> </ul>	

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<p>3) Each institution may decide to make other types of interaction conditional upon registration, as long as these additional types of conditionality have the aim of further strengthening the current framework.</p>		<p><del>3) Each institution may decide to make other types of interaction conditional upon registration, as long as these additional types of conditionality have the aim of further strengthening the current framework.</del></p> <p><b><i>Where a signatory institution intends to modify the types of interaction that it has decided to make conditional upon registration, the concerned institution shall notify the proposed changes to the Management Board. On the basis of its appraisal of the compatibility of these interactions with the objectives pursued by the Register, the Management Board makes any relevant recommendation.</i></b></p>	
	<p><b><i>3a) Where a signatory institution intends to modify the types of interaction that it has decided to make conditional upon registration, the concerned institution shall notify the proposed changes to the Management Board. On the basis of its appraisal of the compatibility of these interactions with the</i></b></p>		

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	<p><i>objectives pursued by the Register, the Management Board makes any relevant recommendation.</i></p>		
<p>4) The types of conditionality referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be made public on a dedicated webpage of the register.</p>		<p>4) The types of conditionality referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made public on a dedicated webpage of the register.</p>	
	<p><b>Article 5a - Incentives</b></p>		
	<p><i>1) The three institutions shall offer incentives, in the framework of their administrative autonomy and self-organisation powers, in order to encourage registration in the Transparency Register.</i></p> <p><i>Such incentives may include:</i></p>		
	<p><i>In the Parliament</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Patronage: granting of patronage to events organised by interest representatives;</i></li> <li>– <i>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the European</i></li> </ul>		

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	<p><i>Parliament's activities to interest representatives;</i></p> <p><i>In the Council</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Thematic briefings: possibility to participate in thematic briefings for interest representatives on discussions in the Council;</i></li> <li>– <i>Notices: sending of automatic messages about the Council's activities to interest representatives;</i></li> </ul> <p><i>In the Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Public consultations: sending of automatic alerts about the Commission's consultations to interest representatives; the Commission will differentiate between registered and non-registered entities by publishing their contributions separately;</i></li> <li>- <i>Mailing lists: sending of alerts by means of mailing lists to interest representatives about certain Commission activities.</i></li> </ul>		

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	<i>2) Each institution may decide to create other incentives aiming at encouraging registration in the Transparency Register.</i>		