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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>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>For the purposes of this interinstitutional agreement, the following definitions shall apply:</p>	<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>	<p>a) 'Interest representatives' shall mean any natural or legal person, or formal/informal groups,</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;	associations or networks thereof, engaging in activities covered by this agreement;	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;	b) ' <i>Applicant</i> ' shall refer to any interest representative applying to join the register;	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;	c) ' <i>Registrant</i> ' shall refer to any interest representative with an existing entry in 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;	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;	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;	e) ' <i>Intermediary</i> ' shall mean an interest representative that represents the interests of a client 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;	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;	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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g) 'Officials' shall refer to all categories of staff of any of the three institutions.	g) 'Officials' shall refer to all categories of staff of any of the three institutions.	g) 'Officials' shall refer to all categories of staff of any of the three institutions.	
	<p><b>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;</b></p> <p><b>gb) 'Directly influencing' means influencing by way of interactions, as laid down in Article 5, with any of the three institutions, their members or officials;</b></p> <p><b>'indirectly influencing' means influencing any of the three institutions, their members or officials through the use of intermediate vectors, such as the media, public opinion, or other communications;</b></p>		
	<b>gc) 'Interaction' shall mean a set of activities involving any of the three institutions, their members or officials, carried out with the</b>		

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	<p><i>objective of directly influencing the formulation or implementation of EU policy or legislation as listed in Article 5;</i></p>		
	<p><i>gd) 'Incentive' shall mean any measure offered by the three institutions to encourage registration;</i></p>		
	<p><i>ge) 'Meeting' shall mean a bilateral or multilateral scheduled 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></p>		
<b>Article 4 - Bodies not covered by the interinstitutional agreement</b>			
	<p>Article 4 - Bodies not covered by the interinstitutional agreement <b>and exceptions</b></p>		

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<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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></p>	<p>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.</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, as well as any association of public authorities at</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, <del>as well as any association of public authorities at</del></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, as well as any association of public authorities at</p>	

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the European, national or subnational level, under the condition that they act uniquely on behalf of the relevant public bodies.	<del>the European, national or subnational level,</del> under the condition that they act uniquely on behalf of the relevant public bodies. <b>However, any association or network of public authorities at the European, national or subnational level, is not exempt from registration where it engages in interest representation activities covered by the register.</b>	the European, national or subnational level, under the condition that they act uniquely on behalf of the relevant public bodies.	
4) The public authorities of third countries (including their diplomatic missions and embassies) are exempt from registration.	4) The public authorities of third countries (including their diplomatic missions and embassies) are exempt from registration.	4) The public authorities of third countries (including their diplomatic missions and embassies) are exempt from registration.	
5) Intergovernmental organisations, including agencies and bodies emanating from them, are exempt from registration.	5) Intergovernmental organisations, including agencies and bodies emanating from them, are exempt from registration.	5) Intergovernmental organisations, including agencies and bodies emanating from them, are exempt from registration.	
<b>Article 6 - Eligibility and registration of applicants</b>			
1) When applying for registration, applicants need to demonstrate their eligibility in terms of carrying out activities covered by this agreement.	1) When applying for registration, applicants need to demonstrate their eligibility in terms of carrying out activities covered by this agreement.	1) When applying for registration, applicants need to demonstrate their eligibility in terms of carrying out activities covered by this agreement.	

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2) To this effect, applicants need to provide the information detailed in Annex II, and to agree for that information to be in the public domain.	2) To this effect, applicants need to provide the information detailed in Annex II, and to agree for that information to be in the public domain.	2) To this effect, applicants need to provide the information detailed in Annex II, and to agree for that information to be in the public domain.	
3) Applicants may be requested to present supporting documents demonstrating their eligibility and the accuracy of the information submitted.	3) Applicants may be requested to present supporting documents demonstrating their eligibility and the accuracy of the information submitted.	3) Applicants may be requested to present supporting documents demonstrating their eligibility and the accuracy of the information submitted.	
4) Applicants are entered into the register as registrants once their eligibility has been established and the registration is considered to satisfy the provisions of Annex II regarding information to be provided.	4) Applicants <del>are entered</del> <b>published</b> into the register as registrants once their eligibility has been established and the registration is considered to satisfy the provisions of Annex II regarding information to be provided.	4) Applicants are entered into the register as registrants once their eligibility has been established and the registration is considered to satisfy the provisions of Annex II regarding information to be provided.	
<b>Article 7 - The Code of Conduct applicable to registrants and its enforcement</b>			
1) The rules and principles that the registrants need to comply with are laid down in the Code of Conduct annexed to this agreement (Annex III). By registering, registrants agree to abide with these rules and principles.	1) The rules and principles that the registrants need to comply with are laid down in the Code of Conduct annexed to this agreement (Annex III) <b>and adopted by the each of the three institutions</b> . By registering, registrants agree to abide with these rules and principles.	1) The rules and principles that the registrants need to comply with are laid down in the <del>€code of €conduct</del> <b>adopted by each institution annexed to this agreement (Annex III)</b> . By registering, registrants agree to abide with these rules and principles.	

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<p>2) As provided in the Code of Conduct, a failure to comply with its provisions may be subject to investigations and measures laid down in the procedures set out in Annex IV to this agreement.</p> <p>Investigations may be carried out following complaints received or at the Secretariat's own initiative.</p> <p>The three institutions shall take the necessary internal measures to apply any measures imposed in accordance with Annex IV.</p>	<p>2) <del>As provided in the Code of Conduct, a f</del> Failure to comply with <b>its the provisions of the Code of Conduct</b> may be subject to investigations and measures laid down in the procedures set out in Annex IV to this agreement.</p> <p>Investigations may be carried out following complaints received or at the Secretariat's own initiative.</p> <p>The three institutions shall take the necessary internal measures to apply any measures imposed in accordance with Annex IV.</p>	<p>2) <del>As provided in the Code of Conduct, a f</del> Failure to comply with <b>its the provisions of the code of conduct</b> may be subject to investigations and measures laid down in the procedures set out in Annex <del>IIA</del> to this agreement.</p> <p>Investigations may be carried out following complaints received or at the Secretariat's own initiative.</p> <p>The three institutions shall take the necessary internal measures to apply any measures imposed in accordance with Annex <del>IIA</del>.</p>	
<p>3) As provided in the Code of Conduct, registrants shall in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– present, if requested, the documents and any other supporting materials demonstrating that the information submitted is accurate;</li> </ul>	<p>3) <del>As provided in the Code of Conduct, r</del> Registrants shall in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– present, if requested, the documents and any other supporting materials demonstrating that the information submitted is accurate;</li> </ul>	<p>3) <del>As provided in the Code of Conduct, r</del> Registrants shall in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– present, if requested, the documents and any other supporting materials demonstrating that the information submitted is accurate;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– agree to cooperate sincerely and constructively with requests for clarification and updates;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– agree to cooperate sincerely and constructively with requests for clarification and updates;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– agree to cooperate sincerely and constructively with requests for clarification and updates;</li> </ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– accept that they may be subject to the investigation procedures and, where applicable, measures laid down in Annex IV.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– accept that they may be subject to the investigation procedures and, where applicable, measures laid down in Annex IV.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– accept that they may be subject to the investigation procedures and, where applicable, measures laid down in Annex <del>IV</del>.</li> </ul>	