

Code of Conduct

for Members of EU40 with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest

Art. 1 Guiding principles

In exercising their duties, Members of EU40

- a) are guided by and observe the following general principles of conduct: disinterest, integrity, openness, diligence, honesty, accountability and respect for Parliament's reputation,
- b) act solely in the public interest and refrain from obtaining or seeking to obtain any direct or indirect financial benefit or other reward.

Art. 2 Main duties of Members

In exercising their duties, Members of EU40 shall

- a) not enter into any agreement to act or vote in the interest of any other legal or natural person that would compromise their voting freedom, as enshrined in Article 6 of the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage and Article 2 of the Statute for Members of the European Parliament
- b) not solicit, accept or receive any direct or indirect financial benefit or other reward in exchange for influencing, or voting on, legislation, motions for a resolution, written declarations or questions tabled in Parliament or any of its committees, and shall consciously seek to avoid any situation which might imply bribery or corruption.

Art. 3 Conflicts of interest

1. A conflict of interest exists where an EU40 Member has a personal interest that could improperly influence the performance of his or her duties as a Member. A conflict of interest does not exist where a Member benefits only as a member of the general public or of a broad class of persons.
2. Any Member who finds that he or she has a conflict of interest shall immediately take the necessary steps to address it, in accordance with the principles and provisions of this Code of Conduct. If the Member is unable to

resolve the conflict of interest, he or she shall report this to the President in writing.

Art. 4 Gifts

1. Members of EU40 shall refrain from accepting, in the performance of their duties, any gifts or similar benefits, other than those with an approximate value of less than EUR 150 given in accordance with courtesy usage or those given to them in accordance with courtesy usage when they are representing Parliament in an official capacity.
2. The provisions of paragraphs 1 shall not apply to the reimbursement of travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses of Members, or to the direct payment of such expenses by third parties, when Members attend, pursuant to an invitation and in the predominance of their duties, at any events organised by third parties.