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Resolution 2683 (2026)[1]

Restructuring and streamlining the Rules of Procedure: modalities relating to the external and interparliamentary relations of the Assembly

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly introduced the most recent general revision of its Rules of Procedure through its Resolution 2656 (2026) "Restructuring and streamlining of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure". In this text, the Assembly also resolved to "restructure and streamline its complementary texts", to "ensure the overall coherence of the entire body of its procedural texts". The aim of this effort is not to introduce significant amendments, but to make the Rules more user-friendly.

2. In addition to this technical drafting exercise, the Assembly also resolved to clarify how the Assembly's integrity framework applies to Guests of the Assembly, which include special guest delegations, observer delegations, partner for democracy delegations, and other guests. Specifically:

– The code of conduct applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to Guests of the Assembly;

– Guests of the Assembly are required to make a declaration subscribing to the values of the Council of Europe when their names are submitted;

– Guests of the Assembly will not be required to make a written declaration of interests, unless a member of a partner for democracy delegation is appointed as rapporteur for an information report.

3. The Assembly decides to amend its Rules of Procedure, as adopted in Resolution 2656 (2026), by inserting, in the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly, a new Rule D.1.3, as follows

> "D.1.3. This Code applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to Guests of the Assembly. The following qualifications apply to the application of the Code to Guests of the Assembly:
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> The requirements of Rule D.4 (written declarations of interest) and D.6 (consequences of a failure to submit a written declaration of interests) shall not apply to Guests of the Assembly.
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> However, a member of a partner for democracy delegation who has been appointed as rapporteur for an information report must submit, within 30 days of that appointment, a written declaration of interests in accordance with Rule D.4.
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> For the avoidance of doubt, Rule D.5 on oral declarations of interest relevant to a debate applies to Guests of the Assembly, who are always required to make an oral declaration of interest if they have any such interests."

4. The Assembly adopts its restructured Modalities relating to the external and interparliamentary relations of the Assembly, contained in the appendix to this draft resolution. The appendix shall be accessible on the website of the Assembly.

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1. *Assembly debate* on 2 October 2026 (36th sitting) (see Doc. 16482, report of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, rapporteur: Ms Rian Vogels). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 2 October 2026 (36th sitting).
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5. The amendments made to the Rules of Procedure by this Resolution shall enter into force at the opening of the January 2027 part-session.

Appendix to the draft resolution – Modalities relating to the external and interparliamentary relations of the Assembly