



TEXTS ADOPTED

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Setting up the delegations to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, to the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly, and to the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly, and defining their numerical strength

European Parliament decision of 12 December 2023 on setting up the delegations to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, to the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly, and to the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly, and defining their numerical strength (2023/3028(RSO))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Conference of Presidents,
- having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part (the Samoa Agreement), and in particular Articles 86(1), 90 and 94 thereof,
- having regard to the provisional application of the Samoa agreement commencing on 1 January 2024,
- having regard to its decision of 17 April 2019 on the number of interparliamentary delegations, delegations to joint parliamentary committees and delegations to parliamentary cooperation committees and to multilateral parliamentary assemblies¹,
- having regard to the obligation of coordination, with regard to the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), of the work with the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, as enshrined in point 2 of the decision of 17 April 2019 on the number of interparliamentary delegations, delegations to joint parliamentary committees and

¹ OJ C 158, 30.4.2021, p. 536.

delegations to parliamentary cooperation committees and to multilateral parliamentary assemblies,

- having regard to its decision of 15 February 2022 on the numerical strength of interparliamentary delegations¹,
 - having regard to Rule 223 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Notes that, pursuant to Articles 86(1), 90 and 94 of the Samoa Agreement, the Parties established, in the institutional framework established under Part V of the Samoa Agreement, the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly at the level of OACPS and the EU Party, and a Regional Parliamentary Assembly for each of the three Regional Protocols;
 2. Notes that Article 90(2) and (3), and Article 94(2) and (3) of the Samoa agreement define the competencies of the four assemblies;
 3. Notes that pursuant to Article 90(1) of the Samoa agreement each Member of the three Regional Parliamentary Assemblies shall be member of the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly;
 4. Notes that Article 94(1) of the Samoa agreement determines that:
 - (a) the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall comprise, on the one hand, Members of the European Parliament and, on the other hand, Members of Parliament of each State Party in Africa, in equal number;
 - (b) the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall comprise, on the one hand, Members of the European Parliament and, on the other hand, Members of Parliament of each State Party in the Caribbean, in equal number;
 - (c) the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall comprise, on the one hand, Members of the European Parliament and, on the other hand, Members of Parliament of each State Party in the Pacific, in equal number;
 5. Notes that as long as the Samoa Agreement does not apply to all the OACPS States, be it provisionally or after entry into force, the number of Members of the European Parliament in the assemblies will need to be aligned to the number of OACPS State Parties to which the Agreement applies, as the Agreement will become applicable to further OACPS States;
 6. Decides to set up:

¹ OJ C 342, 6.9.2022, p. 316.

- (a) a delegation to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, with 78 Members;
 - (b) a delegation to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, with 48 Members;
 - (c) a delegation to the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly, with 15 Members;
 - (d) a delegation to the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly, with 15 Members;
7. Decides that the Members of the delegation to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, the delegation to the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly and the delegation to the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall be the Members of the delegation to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly;
8. Decides that, in order to ensure an equal representation of the EU and the OACPS State Parties in each of the four Parliamentary Assemblies, the number of Members representing the European Parliament in the respective Assemblies shall correspond to the number of members representing the OACPS States applying the Samoa Agreement provisionally or after its entry into force;
9. Decides that only the Members representing the European Parliament in the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly and the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall represent the European Parliament at the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly;
10. Decides that the delegations to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly and the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly should actively coordinate their work with the delegation to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly to ensure coherence;
11. Decides that:
- (a) the bureau of the delegation to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, shall consist of the president of the delegation and four vice-chairs;
 - (b) the bureau of the delegation to the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall consist of the president of the delegation and two vice-chairs;
 - (c) the bureau of the delegation to the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly shall consist of the president of the delegation and two vice-chairs;

- (d) the bureau of the delegation to the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly shall consist of the president of the delegation and the presidents and vice-chairs of the delegations to the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly, the Caribbean-EU Parliamentary Assembly and the Pacific-EU Parliamentary Assembly;
12. Decides that the delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly shall be discontinued;
 13. Decides that this decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2024;
 14. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service.