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Consultation of confidential information (interpretation of Rules 5(5) and 210a of the Rules of Procedure)

European Parliament decision of 5 July 2017 concerning the consultation of confidential information (interpretation of Rules 5(5) and 210a of the Rules of Procedure) (2017/2095(REG))

(2018/C 334/21)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter of 23 June 2017 from the Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
- having regard to Rule 226 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Decides to append the following interpretation to Rule 5(5) of the Rules of Procedure:

‘Access to confidential information is subject to the rules laid down in interinstitutional agreements concluded by Parliament relating to the treatment of confidential information^(1a) and to the internal rules for their implementation adopted by Parliament’s competent bodies^(1b).

^(1a) Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 November 2002 between the European Parliament and the Council concerning access by the European Parliament to sensitive information of the Council in the field of security and defence policy (OJ C 298, 30.11.2002, p. 1). Framework Agreement of 20 October 2010 on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission (OJ L 304, 20.11.2010, p. 47).

Interinstitutional Agreement of 12 March 2014 between the European Parliament and the Council concerning the forwarding to and handling by the European Parliament of classified information held by the Council on matters other than those in the area of the common foreign and security policy (OJ C 95, 1.4.2014, p. 1).

^(1b) Decision of the European Parliament of 23 October 2002 on the implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement governing European Parliament access to sensitive Council information in the sphere of security and defence policy (OJ C 298, 30.11.2002, p. 4).
Decision of the Bureau of 15 April 2013 concerning the rules governing the treatment of confidential information by the European Parliament (OJ C 96, 1.4.2014, p. 1).’

2. Decides to append the following interpretation to Rule 210a of the Rules of Procedure:

‘This Rule applies to the extent that the applicable legal framework relating to the treatment of confidential information provides for the possibility of consulting the confidential information at a meeting in camera outside the secure facilities.’

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.
