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to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU enlargement: will the people get to have their say?

The European Union is considering the accession of a number of new countries. Such an enlargement could change the number of representatives from each Member State in the European Parliament, the weighting of each country's vote in intergovernmental votes, the composition of the Commission and the distribution of the EU budget.

The European Parliament itself considers that significant institutional reform will be necessary before any further enlargements. In particular, it is looking at reviewing the functioning of the Council, the composition of the institutions and certain voting rules.

1. Does the Commission take the view that the EU can bring in new Member States and profoundly alter its functioning without consulting EU citizens directly?

2. Does it plan to organise a public consultation across the EU and to recommend that Member States consult their citizens before any major institutional reform relating to enlargement?

3. Before each new accession, will it publish a clear study indicating the impact on each Member State, including in terms of its clout in EU decision-making, the number of MEPs representing it and its contribution to the EU budget?

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