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COMMITTEE FOR
EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS

POLITICAL OPINION (EN)

On the revision of the « Comitology » Regulation

- ① Having regard to Articles 16 and 17 of the Treaty on European Union,
- ② Having regard to Articles 238, 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- ③ Having regard to the interinstitutional agreement on « better law making » between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission of 13 April 2016,
- ④ Having regard to the agreement on delegated acts between the European Parliament, the European Council and the Commission attached to the interinstitutional agreement on “ better law making” between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission of 13 April 2016,
- ⑤ Having regard to the UE Regulation n°182/2011 of 28 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning the mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission’s exercise of implementing powers,
- ⑥ Having regard to the proposal for a Regulation amending UE Regulation n°182/2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning the mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission’s exercise of implementing powers (COM (2017) 85 final),
- ⑦ The Committee for European Affairs of the French Senate :

- ⑧ Points out that the adoption procedure of delegated and implementing acts must comply with the principles of responsibility and democratic control ;
- ⑨ Welcomes the Commission's intention to ensure accountability to Member States and to clarify their role in the adoption of implementing acts ;
- ⑩ Calls upon the European legislator to a moderate use and compliant with the treaties of the delegated and implementing acts ;
- ⑪ Recalls that the implementing and the delegated acts supplement legislative acts and should be forwarded to national Parliaments under the subsidiarity control ;
- ⑫ Believes it is essential to implement a transparent appointment process of the European Commission's experts, involving the Council and the European Parliament ;
- ⑬ Considers the modification of the calculating rules on qualified majority as inconsistent with the treaties ;
- ⑭ Calls on the Government to support these guidelines and to bring them in the ongoing negotiations.