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Honourable EPP members,

Transparency International has been closely following the discussions on the transparency proposals, particularly amendment 20 in the [changes to the Rules of Procedure](#).

We write to you today, to express our concern about recent [discussions within the EPP group to conduct the vote on this amendment by secret ballot](#).

We welcomed the EPP resolution on '[Protecting EU Values and Safeguarding Democracy](#)', adopted at your last congress in Helsinki, in which the group affirmed its commitment to transparency and accountability in the EU.

This resolution was well in line with calls by your Spitzenkandidat Manfred Weber for [more transparency in Europe](#), as well as his [ideas for a better Europe](#) for the upcoming elections, in which transparency is prominently mentioned.

The Parliament has long been a champion of transparency, participatory politics and citizen engagement. The adoption of amendment 20 will clear the path for finalising the [negotiations with the Commission and Council on the mandatory lobby register, which otherwise risk failing](#).

We therefore call on you to:

- a) **Reject any proposal for a secret ballot** in the plenary vote on the Revision of the Rules of Procedure which will take place on the 31st of January
- b) To **vote in favour of Amendment 20 in its current form**, in line with EPP commitments mentioned above

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in case you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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