

Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

Dáil Éireann on 5 July 2016 ordered:

- “(1) Go gceapfar Roghchoiste, dá ngairfear an Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh, ar a mbeidh seacht gcomhalta de Dháil Éireann, chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé nithe a éiríonn—
- (a) as ballraíocht na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach, agus
- (b) as Éirinn do chloí leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus leis an gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh,
- a roghnóidh sé agus nach bhfuil tarchurtha chuig aon Choiste eile.
- (2) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (1), breithneoidh an Coiste—
- (a) cibé Billí a bpléann an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála leis an dlí reachtach ina leith,
- (b) cibé tograí a bheidh in aon tairiscint, lena n-áirítear aon tairiscint de réir bhrí Bhuan-Ordú 187, agus
- (c) cibé nithe eile,
- a tharchuirfidh an Dáil chuige.
- (3) Beidh an tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála (nó comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a ainmneofar chun gníomhú ina áit nó ina háit chun na críche sin), ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta *ex officio* den Roghchoiste chun na nithe atá leagtha amach i mír (2)(a) agus (b) a bhreithniú agus beidh sé nó sí i dteideal vótáil in imeachtaí an Roghchoiste.
- (4) Beidh ag an Roghchoiste na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 85(1), (2) agus (3).
- (1) That a Select Committee, which shall be called the Select Committee on European Union Affairs, consisting of seven members of Dáil Éireann, be appointed to consider such matters arising from—
- (a) Ireland’s membership of the European Union, and
- (b) Ireland’s adherence to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- as it may select and which are not referred to any other Committee.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Select Committee shall consider such—
- (a) Bills the statute law in respect of which is dealt with by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
- (b) proposals contained in any motion, including any motion within the meaning of Standing Order 187, and
- (c) other matters,
- as shall be referred to it by the Dáil.
- (3) The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (or a member of the Government or Minister of State nominated to act in his or her stead for that purpose) shall be an *ex officio* member of the Select Committee for the purpose of consideration of the matters outlined at paragraph (2)(a) and (b) and shall be entitled to vote in Select Committee proceedings.
- (4) The Select Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 85(1), (2) and (3).

- (5) Déanfar an Roghchoiste a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh ag Seanad Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh, agus, gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (1), déanfaidh an Roghchoiste an méid seo a leanas a bhreithniú—
- (a) doiciméid phleanála straitéiseacha Choimisiún AE lena n-áirítear Clár Oibre an Choimisiúin,
 - (b) forbairtí beartais tras-earnála ag leibhéal an Aontais Eorpaigh,
 - (c) nithe a liostaítear lena mbreithniú ar an gclár gnó i gcomhair cruinnithe de Chomhairle Gnóthaí Ginearálta na nAirí agus toradh cruinnithe den sórt sin,
 - (d) cibé rialacháin faoi Achtanna na gComhphobal Eorpach, 1972 go 2009 agus ionstraimí eile arna ndéanamh faoi reacht agus is gá de dhroim na n-oibleagáidí a ghabhann le ballraíocht san Aontas Eorpach a roghnóidh an Coiste,
 - (e) fógraí arna dtarchur ag an Dáil faoi Bhuan-Ordú 115(1)(a),
 - (f) fógraí i dtaobh tograí chun na Conarthaí a leasú a fuarthas ón gComhairle Eorpach de bhun Airteagal 48.2 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach,
 - (g) fógraí i dtaobh iarratas ar bhallraíocht san Aontas Eorpach a fuarthas ón gComhairle Eorpach de bhun Airteagal 49 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach, agus
 - (h) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh an Dáil chuige ó am go ham.
- (5) The Select Committee shall be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann, to form the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, which, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), shall consider—
- (a) the EU Commission's strategic planning documents including the Commission Work Programme,
 - (b) cross-sectoral policy developments at European Union level,
 - (c) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the General Affairs Council of Ministers and the outcome of such meetings,
 - (d) such regulations under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009 and other instruments made under statute and necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Union as the Committee may select,
 - (e) notifications referred by the Dáil under Standing Order 115(1)(a),
 - (f) notifications of proposals for the amendment of the Treaties received from the European Council pursuant to Article 48.2 of the Treaty on European Union,
 - (g) notifications of applications for membership of the European Union received from the European Council pursuant to Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union, and
 - (h) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Dáil from time to time.

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| <p>(6) Tabharfaidh an Comhchoiste tuarascáil do dhá Theach an Oireachtais ar oibriú Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú), 2002.</p> | <p>(6) The Joint Committee shall report to both Houses of the Oireachtas on the operation of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002.</p> |
| <p>(7) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Orduithe 85 (seachas mír (2A) den chéanna), 114, 115(1)(a) agus 116.</p> | <p>(7) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Orders 85 (other than paragraph (2A) thereof), 114, 115(1)(a) and 116.</p> |
| <p>(8) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste an chumhacht chun moltaí a dhéanamh chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála (nó chun Aire Stáit) i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach.</p> | <p>(8) The Joint Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (or Minister of State) on European Union matters.</p> |
| <p>(9) Féadfaidh na daoine seo a leanas freastal ar chruinnithe den Chomhchoiste agus páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná ceart tairiscintí a dhéanamh ná leasuithe a thairiscint:</p> <p>(a) omhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa arna dtoghadh ó thoghcheantair in Éirinn, lena n-áirítear Tuaisceart Éireann,</p> <p>(b) Comhaltaí de thoscaireacht na hÉireann chuig Tionól Parlaiminteach Chomhairle na hEorpa, agus</p> <p>(c) ar chuireadh a fháil ón gCoiste, Comhaltaí eile de Pharlaimint na hEorpa.</p> | <p>(9) The following may attend meetings of the Joint Committee and take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments:</p> <p>(a) Members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland, including Northern Ireland,</p> <p>(b) Members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and</p> <p>(c) at the invitation of the Committee, other Members of the European Parliament.</p> |
| <p>(10) Déanfaidh an Comhchoiste ionadaíocht do dhá Theach an Oireachtais ag Comhdháil na gCoistí um Ghnóthaí Comhphobail agus Eorpacha de chuid Parlaimintí an Aontais Eorpaigh (COSAC) agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an gcéanna do dhá Theach an Oireachtais.</p> | <p>(10) The Joint Committee shall represent both Houses of the Oireachtas at the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) and shall report to both Houses of the Oireachtas thereon.</p> |
| <p>(11) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Roghchoiste Dála ina Cathaoirleach ar an Chomhchoiste freisin.</p> | <p>(11) The Chairman of the Dáil Select Committee shall also be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.”</p> |

Seanad Éireann on 21 July 2016 ordered:

“(1) Go gceapfar Roghchoiste, dá ngairfear an Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh, ar a mbeidh ceathrar gcomhalta de Sheanad Éireann, chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé nithe a éiríonn—

(a) as ballraíocht na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach, agus

(b) as Éirinn do chloí leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus leis an gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh

a roghnóidh sé agus nach bhfuil tarchurtha chuig aon Choiste eile.

(2) Beidh ag an Roghchoiste na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 71(1), (2) agus (3).

(3) Déanfar an Roghchoiste a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh ag Dáil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh, agus, gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (1), déanfaidh an Comhchoiste an méid seo a leanas a bhreithniú—

(a) doiciméid phleanála straitéiseacha Choimisiún AE lena n-áirítear Clár Oibre an Choimisiúin,

(b) forbairtí beartais tras-earnála ag leibhéal an Aontais Eorpaigh,

(c) nithe a liostaítear lena mbreithniú ar an gclár gnó i gcomhair cruinnithe de Chomhairle Gnóthaí Ginearálta na nAirí agus toradh cruinnithe den sórt sin.

(d) cibé rialacháin faoi Achtanna na gComhphobal Eorpach, 1972 go 2009 agus ionstraimí eile arna ndéanamh faoi reacht agus is gá de dhroim na n-oibleagáidí a ghabhann le ballraíocht san Aontas Eorpach a roghnóidh an Coiste,

(e) fógraí arna dtarchur ag an Seanad faoi Bhuan-Ordú 108(1)(a),

(1) That a Select Committee, which shall be called the Select Committee on European Union Affairs, consisting of four members of Seanad Éireann, be appointed to consider such matters arising from—

(a) Ireland’s membership of the European Union, and

(b) Ireland’s adherence to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

as it may select and which are not referred to any other Committee.

(2) The Select Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 71(1), (2) and (3).

(3) The Select Committee shall be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Dáil Éireann, to form the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, which, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), shall consider—

(a) the EU Commission’s strategic planning documents including the Commission Work Programme,

(b) cross-sectoral policy developments at European Union level,

(c) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the General Affairs Council of Ministers and the outcome of such meetings,

(d) such regulations under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009 and other instruments made under statute and necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Union as the Committee may select,

(e) notifications referred by the Seanad under Standing Order 108 (1)(a),

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| <p>(f) fógraí i dtaobh tograí chun na Conarthaí a leasú a fuarthas ón gComhairle Eorpach de bhun Airteagal 48.2 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach,</p> <p>(g) fógraí i dtaobh iarratas ar bhallraíocht san Aontas Eorpach a fuarthas ón gComhairle Eorpach de bhun Airteagal 49 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach, agus</p> <p>(h) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh an Seanad chuige ó am go ham.</p> | <p>(f) notifications of proposals for the amendment of the Treaties received from the European Council pursuant to Article 48.2 of the Treaty on European Union,</p> <p>(g) notifications of applications for membership of the European Union received from the European Council pursuant to Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union, and</p> <p>(h) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Seanad from time to time.</p> |
| <p>(4) Tabharfaidh an Comhchoiste tuarascáil do dhá Theach an Oireachtais ar oibriú Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú), 2002.</p> | <p>(4) The Joint Committee shall report to both Houses of the Oireachtas on the operation of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002.</p> |
| <p>(5) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordúithe 71 (seachas mír (2A) den chéanna), 107, 108(1)(a) agus 109.</p> | <p>(5) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Orders 71 (other than paragraph (2A) thereof), 107, 108(1)(a) and 109.</p> |
| <p>(6) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste an chumhacht chun moltaí a dhéanamh chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála (nó chun Aire Stáit) i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach.</p> | <p>(6) The Joint Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (or Minister of State) on European Union matters.</p> |
| <p>(7) Féadfaidh na daoine seo a leanas freastal ar chruinnithe den Chomhchoiste agus páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná ceart tairiscintí a dhéanamh ná leasuithe a thairiscint:</p> <p>(a) Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa arna dtoghadh ó thoghlaigh in Éirinn, lena n-áirítear Tuaisceart Éireann,</p> <p>(b) Comhaltaí de thoscaireacht na hÉireann chuig Tionól Parlaiminteach Chomhairle na hEorpa, agus</p> <p>(c) ar chuireadh a fháil ón gCoiste, Comhaltaí eile de Pharlaimint na hEorpa.</p> | <p>(7) The following may attend meetings of the Joint Committee and take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments:</p> <p>(a) Members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland, including Northern Ireland,</p> <p>(b) Members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and</p> <p>(c) at the invitation of the Committee, other Members of the European Parliament.</p> |
| <p>(8) Déanfaidh an Comhchoiste ionadaíocht do dhá Theach an Oireachtais ag Comhdháil na gCoistí um Ghnóthaí Comhphobail agus Eorpacha de chuid Pharlaimintí an Aontais Eorpaigh (COSAC) agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an gcéanna do dhá Theach an Oireachtais.</p> | <p>(8) The Joint Committee shall represent both Houses of the Oireachtas at the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) and shall report to both Houses of the Oireachtas thereon.</p> |

(9) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Roghchoiste Dála ina Cathaoirleach ar an Chomhchoiste freisin.

(9) The Chairman of the Dail Select Committee shall also be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.”.