

**Act on Cooperation between the Federal Government and the German Bundestag in Matters concerning the European Union**

of 12 March 1993 with amendments, adopted by the German Bundestag on 12 May 2005 and by Bundesrat on 27 May 2005

Section 1

In matters concerning the European Union, the Bundestag shall participate in the decision-making process of the Federation.

Section 2

The Bundestag shall appoint a Committee on the Affairs of the European Union. The Bundestag may empower the Committee to state an opinion on its behalf.

Section 3

The Federal Government shall inform the Bundestag comprehensively and as quickly as possible of all initiatives within the framework of the European Union which could be of interest to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Section 4

The Federal Government shall, in particular, send the Bundestag the proposals, initiatives or motions for legislative acts of the European Union where it is involved in the adoption process, and shall simultaneously inform the Bundestag of their main content and objectives, of the procedure to be applied within the European Union in enacting the planned legislative act and of the probable time at which the Council or the European Council will deliberate on the items in question, in particular the probable time at which the Council or the European Council will take a decision on them. The German Bundestag may decide to forgo being sent or notified of individual or groups of proposals, initiatives or motions for legislative acts. It may not decide to forgo this if a parliamentary group or five per cent of the Members of the Bundestag object. The Federal Government shall inform the Bundestag without delay of the decisions that it intends to take, the course of the deliberations, the opinions of the European Parliament and of the European Commission, the opinions of the other Member States and of the decisions taken.

## Section 5

Before taking a decision on legislative acts of the European Union, the Federal Government shall give the Bundestag an opportunity to state its opinion. The period within which the opinion is to be stated shall be such that the Bundestag has sufficient opportunity to consider the item concerned. The Federal Government shall use the opinion as the basis for its negotiations.

## Section 6

### Agreement between the Bundestag and the Federal Government

Details of the notification and involvement of the Bundestag under this Act shall be the subject of an agreement between the Bundestag and the Federal Government.<sup>2</sup> In this agreement, the details of the notification of the Bundestag under the Act on the Exercise of the Rights of the Bundestag and the Bundesrat deriving from the Treaty of 29 October 2004 establishing a Constitution for Europe of ... [insert date and source of the Act under Article 1] shall be established.

## Section 7

This Act shall enter into force on the date on which the European Union is established. This date shall be published in the Federal Law Gazette. In derogation of the first sentence, Section 6 shall enter into force on 1 January 1993.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 6, first sentence, shall enter into force on the day after promulgation (Article 3, second sentence, of the amended version of the bill).