

# Press release – Statement by EP Conference of Presidents on long-term EU budget and Rule of Law



The Conference of Presidents (EP President and political group leaders) met today and reaffirmed the European Parliament's position regarding the deal reached with the Council on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) regulation, the related Inter-institutional Agreement (IIA), the related set of unilateral and joint declarations, and the regulation on Rule of Law conditionality.

The European Parliament already adopted its opinion on the Own-Resources Decision on 16 September, well in time to allow the Council and subsequently the Member States to ratify the Decision by the end of 2020.

We ask the Council to adopt the package and begin the ratification process as soon as possible. The European Parliament's leadership deeply regrets this delay and reiterates that the agreements reached (on both the MFF and the Rule of Law) are a closed deal and can in no way be reopened.

No further concession will be made on our side.