

The European Parliament

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You are one of the four MEPs representing the European Parliament at the negotiations on the Treaty of Lisbon. As such your role is to represent and reflect the EU citizens' opinions and wishes. The EP has long been lobbying for a more instrumental role in constitutional changes. If the Treaty of Lisbon is signed, the Parliament will have the right to request treaty changes. Until then, however, your role is strictly observatory. You do get time for an opening statement.

On the agenda for today are the discussions on the implementation of the Qualified Majority Voting and the extension of a combined foreign and security policy. The EP has released its statement regarding the topics under discussion on 11th July 2007. It has also stated that it would release details about the negotiations during the conference to the public.

Ideas for Opening Statement:

- More influence and power to the European Parliament, its representatives being the direct link to the European people
- Reminder to respect the wishes of the European people
- You are clearly in favour of the reforms the Treaty wishes to install and European Integration in general