

MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN RESOLUTION

Single article

The National Assembly

In the light of Article 88-4 of the Constitution,

In the light of Article 223 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

In the light of the proposal for the reform of the electoral law of the European Union transmitted by the European Parliament (no. E 10797),

In the light of the European Parliament resolution of 11 November 2015 on the reform of the electoral law of the European Union (2015/2035(INL)),

In the light of the proposal for a decision of the Council adopting the provisions amending the Act concerning the election of members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage,

In the light of the Council Decision of 25 June 2002 and 23 September 2002 amending the Act concerning the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Decision 76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom (2002/772/EC, Euratom),

In the light of the Act no. 77-729 on the election of representatives to the European Parliament,

In the light of the Act no. 2003-327 of 11 April 2003 on the election of regional councillors and representatives to the European Parliament and on public aid for political parties,

Considering that the adoption, in all the States of the EU, of uniform electoral rules for European elections, as laid down by Article 223 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, is necessary to create a genuine European public space and strengthen the democratic legitimacy of the European Parliament,

1. Rejects the creation of a joint constituency in which lists would be headed by the candidate of each political family for the post of President of the European Commission;

2. Supports a strengthening of the visibility of the names and emblems of European political parties on ballot papers for European elections;

3. Desires that the deadline to draw up electoral lists be harmonised at European level but considers that the twelve week deadline proposed by the European Parliament is too long and proposes to shorten the period to eight weeks;

4. Feels it is necessary, over and beyond the principle of gender balance proposed by the European Parliament, that gender-zipped lists of candidates be introduced for the European elections;

5. Supports the introduction of obligatory electoral thresholds;

6. Deems as insufficiently clear the provision proposed by the European Parliament according to which political parties shall select their candidates for European elections by respecting democratic procedures and transparency and considers that, drafted this way, this provision could jeopardise the freedom of action of political parties as enshrined in Article 4 of the Constitution of 4 October 1958;

7. Considers it is essential to guarantee that European citizens not residing in their Member State have the right to vote in European elections;

8. Welcomes the introduction of a harmonised deadline across the European Union to draw up electoral lists, but suggests that this deadline be set as four weeks rather than eight weeks;

9. Supports the position of the European Parliament leaving a certain leeway for Member States in deciding on the voting day for the European elections, in full compliance with national institutional customs;

10. Hails the proposal to set up a contact authority tasked with exchanging data with its counterparts in other Member States on EU citizens who are not nationals of the Member State where they reside, in order to make electoral lists more accurate, and emphasises that all the necessary guarantees shall be set in place to guarantee that said contact authority complies with the protection of personal data;

11. Desires that a debate be launched at the National Assembly on a reform of the organisation of elections to the European Parliament, especially in the framework of the new

boundaries of French regions;

12. Feels that it is essential to strengthen media coverage of European electoral news by the national public television and radio channels, and especially by broadcasting debates taking place supranationally.