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to the report on the

European Parliament resolution on the Commission's Fourth report on Citizenship of the Union
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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Giusto Catania
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Parts of paragraphs 12 and 13 are deleted and the two paragraphs merged. Paragraph 12 to read as follows:

12. Takes the view that EU citizenship should increasingly be experienced at local level and should become more visible, comprising rights, including social rights, and duties, such as through a direct link between some aspects of the tax system and the financing of the European Union, though without increasing the overall tax burden; reiterates its calls for the EU budget to be financed in part by a genuine own-resource arrangement under a transparent, fair, and democratic system, which would provide a way of escaping from the current deadlock caused by the financing of the EU budget from Member State contributions and the concept of a 'fair return'; takes the view, furthermore, that such a proposal would help to give EU citizens a clearer grasp of the true nature of the EU budget and thus to affirm a balanced EU citizenship based as much on rights as on obligations;

Paragraph 28 is deleted as it is identical to paragraph 8.

Part of paragraph 26 is identical to part of paragraph 20. The phrase that is not identical has been moved to paragraph 20 and the rest of paragraph 26 is deleted. Paragraph 20 to read as follows:

20. Notes that the elections to the European Parliament are the most visible expression of democratic EU citizenship; sincerely hopes, therefore, that thought will be given to reforming, by 2009, the voting procedures used for European elections so as to give the

elections a genuine European dimension by standardising electoral procedures, in particular the election of some MEPs on the basis of transnational European lists put up by European political parties; recalls in this connection that the political parties in particular must be strengthened at European level;

The paragraphs will be renumbered after the vote.

(Concerns all languages)

Recital P to read as follows:

- P. whereas the enlargement of the European Union has resulted in a considerable increase in the number of EU citizens residing outside their Member State of origin, which fosters a European melting pot and the feeling of belonging to a shared community, and also in an increase in the number of third-country nationals,

Recital Q to read as follows:

- Q. whereas many people, whether EU citizens or not, who are resident in the European Union and are legally employed or engaged in studies there, are excluded from the political decision-making processes, contrary to the provisions of Article 190 of the EC Treaty, in the Member State in which they reside and in which they pay all or part of their taxes, which goes against one of the founding principles of modern democracy, pursuant to which there should be no taxation without representation,

Paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6. Considers that granting residents certain rights linked to EU citizenship would promote the integration of the non-Community population in the European Union and give them official status as members of a genuine political and territorial community;

Paragraph 18 to read as follows:

18. Considers it desirable that the rights of citizens of the Union and their family members provided for in Directive 2004/38/EC, which is due to enter into force on 30 April 2006, namely the rights to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States and to acquire the right of permanent residence after a five-year period of residence in the host country, should be extended to third-country nationals who have been resident in the European Union for at least five years;

(Concerns EN)
