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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on re-establishing democracy in Europe

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on re-establishing democracy in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, following a democratic election, the President of Portugal, Mr Cavaco Silva, has just intervened to prevent an anti-austerity left-wing coalition from coming to power, on the pretext that certain parties in the coalition would be hostile to the EU;
- B. whereas this exemplifies the anti-democratic climate fostered by the EU's governing institutions, since Mr Cavaco Silva is using his powers to enforce a pro-EU ideology and so to appease Portugal's creditors and safeguard European monetary union;
- C. whereas, just as the brutal suppression of the Prague Spring in 1968 meant no open opposition to Soviet communism for a generation in Czechoslovakia, so the capitulation of Tsipras's Government in Greece means no more open opposition to the hegemony of Brussels;
- D. whereas systematically undermining democracy will never lead to a democratic union of States, since undermining democracy cannot lead to democracy;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to urge the Member States to hold referendums with a view to establishing a 'Europe of sovereign nations'.

