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Amendment 1

Zita Gurmai, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding¹, particularly Article 12 thereof,

Amendment

– having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level (***European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations***) and the rules regarding their funding¹ (***the Funding Regulation***), particularly Article 12 thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Zita Gurmai, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union ***states that*** ‘political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union’, while Parliament and the Council, in accordance with Article 224 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, lay down the regulations governing these parties and their political foundations and in particular the rules regarding their funding,

Amendment

A. whereas ***pursuant to*** Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union ‘political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union’, while Parliament and the Council, in accordance with Article 224 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, lay down the regulations governing these parties and their ***affiliated European*** political foundations and in particular the rules regarding their funding,

Or. en

¹ OJ L 297, 15.11.2003, p. 1, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1524/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2007, OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 5.

Amendment 3
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union states that 'political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union', while Parliament and the Council, in accordance with Article 224 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, lay down the regulations governing these parties and their political foundations and in particular the rules regarding their funding,

Amendment

A. whereas Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union states that 'political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union', while Parliament and the Council, in accordance with Article 224 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, lay down the regulations governing these parties and their *affiliated European* political foundations and in particular the rules regarding their funding,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. whereas the European Union shall function according to the principle of "representative democracy" as stated in Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union,

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 5
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the amending Regulation of 2007¹ is targeted on improving the integration process of the European political parties by favouring better structuring of the political parties within the Union,

Amendment

E. whereas the amending Regulation of 2007¹ is targeted on improving the integration process of the European political parties by favouring better structuring ***and organising*** of the political parties within the Union,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas the amending Regulation of 2007 is aimed at the organisational convergence of political parties and their foundations at European level,

Amendment

K. whereas the amending Regulation of 2007 is aimed at the organisational convergence of political parties and their foundations at European level, ***while at the same time recognising the different tasks pursued by, respectively, political parties and political foundations,***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1524/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2007, OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p 5.

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties,

Amendment

L. whereas this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties, ***whereby this does not also entail an organisational standardisation of European political parties and their foundations, for which the European political parties and their foundations have sole competence,***

Or. de

Amendment 8
Zita Gurmai

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties,

Amendment

L. whereas this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties ***and their affiliated European political foundations,***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the requirement of adoption of a legal statute for the European political parties based on the law of the European Union is a clear and substantial step towards enhancing democracy within the

Amendment

M. whereas the requirement of adoption of a legal statute for the European political parties ***and their political foundations*** based on the law of the European Union is a clear and substantial step towards

Union,

enhancing democracy within the Union,

Or. en

Amendment 10

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas organisational and functional convergence and improving the funding process can be accomplished only by adopting a uniform and common legal European statute for all the European political parties based on the law of the European Union,

Amendment

N. whereas organisational and functional convergence and improving the funding process can be accomplished only by adopting a uniform and common legal European statute for all the European political parties **and their political foundations** based on the law of the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 11

Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas organisational and functional convergence and improving the funding process can be accomplished only by adopting a uniform and common legal European statute for all **the European** political parties based on the law of the European Union,

Amendment

N. whereas organisational and functional convergence and improving the funding process can be accomplished only by adopting a uniform and common legal European statute for all political parties **at European level** based on the law of the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas organisational and functional convergence and improving the funding process *can be* accomplished *only* by adopting a uniform and common legal European statute for all the European political parties based on the law of the European Union,

Amendment

N. whereas organisational and functional convergence and improving the funding process *is* accomplished by adopting a uniform and common legal European statute for all the European political parties based on the law of the European Union,

Or. de

Amendment 13
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Na. whereas the regulation on political parties at the European level does not make a difference between the recognition and the funding of political parties,

Or. en

Amendment 14
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Recital N b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nb. whereas the Bureau note of 10 January 2011 recommended tightening the criteria for the funding of European political parties; whereas this amounts to

a restriction of party competition at the European level as long as the criteria for the legal recognition and funding of political parties are identical,

Or. en

Amendment 15
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Recital N c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nc. whereas a common legal statute for European political parties allows separating the recognition of parties from their funding and counterbalancing the aforementioned restriction of party competition; whereas this makes the European political space more accessible to new parties,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Zita Gurmai, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

R. whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and foundations has shown that they need more flexibility **with regard** to the carry-over of funds to the following financial year and to building up reserves from own resources in excess of the prescribed minimum of their expenditure to be financed from their own funds,

R. whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and **their affiliated European political** foundations has shown that they need more flexibility **and similar conditions as** to the carry-over of funds to the following financial year and to building up reserves from own resources in excess of the prescribed minimum of their expenditure to be financed from their own funds,

Amendment 17
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and foundations has shown that they need more flexibility with regard to the carry-over of funds to the following financial year and to building up reserves from own resources in excess of the prescribed minimum of their expenditure to be financed from their own funds,

Amendment

R. whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and ***their affiliated European political*** foundations has shown that they need more flexibility ***and similar conditions*** with regard to the carry-over of funds to the following financial year and to building up reserves from own resources in excess of the prescribed minimum of their expenditure to be financed from their own funds,

Amendment 18
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and foundations has shown that they need more flexibility with regard to the carry-over of funds to the following financial year and to building up reserves from own resources in excess of the prescribed minimum of their expenditure to be financed from their own funds,

Amendment

R. whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and ***their European political*** foundations has shown that they need more flexibility with regard to the carry-over of funds to the following financial year and to building up reserves from own resources in excess of the prescribed minimum of their expenditure to be financed from their own funds,

Amendment 19
Alain Lamassoure, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Recital AA

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

AA. whereas the European political parties claim that their overall personnel costs could be substantially reduced by creating a fiscal regime for their staff, *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Matthias Groote, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital AA

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

AA. whereas the European political parties claim that their overall personnel costs could be substantially reduced by creating a fiscal regime for their staff, *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Recital AA

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

AA. whereas the European political parties claim that their overall personnel costs could be substantially reduced by creating a fiscal regime for their staff, *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that political parties – and their linked political foundations **and political institutions** – **work in** a parliamentary democracy **as ‘conveyer belts’**, helping to shape the political will of citizens, drawing up political programmes, training and selecting candidates, maintaining the dialogue with citizens and enabling citizens to express their views;

Amendment

1. Notes that political parties – and their linked political foundations – **are essential instruments of** a parliamentary democracy, **holding parliamentarians to account**, helping to shape the political will of citizens, drawing up political programmes, training and selecting candidates, maintaining the dialogue with citizens and enabling citizens to express their views;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that political parties – and their linked political foundations and political institutions – **work in** a parliamentary democracy as ‘conveyer belts’, helping to shape the political will of citizens, drawing up political programmes, training and selecting candidates, maintaining the dialogue with citizens and enabling citizens to express their views;

Amendment

1. Notes that political parties – and their linked political foundations and political institutions – **work in** a parliamentary democracy as ‘conveyer belts’, helping to shape the political will of citizens, **participating in the management of political and social relations**, drawing up political programmes, training and selecting candidates, maintaining the dialogue with citizens and enabling citizens to express their views;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that the Treaty of Lisbon provides for this role of the political parties and their foundations with a view to creating a ‘political space’ at EU level, a ‘European democracy’;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 25
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that the Treaty of Lisbon provides for this role of the political parties and their foundations with a view to creating a ‘political space’ at EU level, a ‘European democracy’;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the Treaty of Lisbon provides for this role of the political parties and their foundations with a view to creating a ***European polis, a political space at the EU level, a European democracy, of which the European Citizens' Initiative is a key constitutive element;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are ***not in a position to fully***

Amendment

3. Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are umbrella organisations of

play this role because they are merely the umbrella organisations of national parties and not directly in touch with the electorate in the Member States;

national parties directly in touch with the electorate in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are not in a position to fully play this role because they are *merely the umbrella organisations of national parties and* not directly in touch with the electorate in the Member States;

Amendment

3. Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are not *yet* in a position to fully play this role because they are not *yet* directly in touch with the electorate in the Member States *and cannot yet directly represent their interests*;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are not in a position to fully play this role because they are merely the umbrella organisations of national parties *and not directly in touch with the electorate in the Member States*;

Amendment

3. Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are not in a position to fully play this role *in the context of the European Parliament* because they are merely the umbrella organisations of national parties;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes, however, with satisfaction that the European political parties and political foundations *and institutes* have nevertheless become an indispensable actor in the political life of the European Union, particularly shaping and voicing the respective positions of the various ‘political families’;

Amendment

4. Notes, however, with satisfaction that the European political parties and political foundations have nevertheless become an indispensable actor in the political life of the European Union, particularly shaping and voicing the respective positions of the various ‘political families’;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the need for *a* European political *party to be made up of national or regional parties that respect and implement internal democracy (in the democratic election of party bodies, and democratic decision-making)*;

Amendment

5. Underlines the need for *all* European political *parties to conform to the highest standards of internal party democracy*;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the need for a European

Amendment

5. Underlines the need for a European

political party to be made up of national or regional parties that respect and implement internal democracy (in the democratic election of party bodies, and democratic decision-making);

political party to be made up of ***an association of natural persons or*** national or regional parties that respect and implement internal democracy (in the democratic election of party bodies, and democratic decision-making);

Or. de

Amendment 32
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the need for a European political party to be made up of national or regional parties that respect and implement internal democracy (in the democratic election of party bodies, and democratic decision-making);

Amendment

5. Underlines the need for a European political party to be made up of national or regional parties that respect and implement internal democracy (in the democratic election of party bodies, and democratic decision making ***including the selection of candidates***);

Or. en

Amendment 33
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the same internal democracy should be respected by the European party itself;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the same internal democracy *should be respected by the European party itself*;

Amendment

6. Notes that ***European parties must abide by*** the same *principles of* internal democracy, *including the election by all party members of delegates to party congresses, which in turn designate the decision-making bodies of the party, submitting programmes and manifestos either to a referendum of all members or to a congress*;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the same internal democracy *should* be respected by the European party itself;

Amendment

6. Notes that the same internal democracy ***must*** be respected by the European party itself;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the experience that European political parties have gained with forms of individual membership;

stresses that individual members must have the same democratic rights of participation as members of national or regional member parties; encourages the European political parties in this connection to find a constructive solution to the existing conflict between collective and individual membership;

Or. de

Amendment 37

Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes that a European political party should be represented by at least one Member in the European Parliament;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 38

Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes that a European political party should be represented by at least one Member in the European Parliament;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 39
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that a European political party should be represented by at least one Member in the European Parliament;

Amendment

7. Reaffirms the existing rules on the recognition of political parties at European level; stresses that, in the interests of widening public participation in the opinion-forming process in Europe, it is not necessary to raise the criteria for recognising the corresponding political parties;

Or. de

Amendment 40
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Groote

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that a European political party should be represented by at least one Member in the European Parliament;

Amendment

7. Takes the view that, once the requirements for being considered a European political party have been met, that party may receive funding only if it is represented in the European Parliament by at least one of its members;

Or. es

Amendment 41
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 42

Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 43

Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity;

deleted

considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved **only** by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status **for the** European political parties;

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status **as a part of a broader package aiming at structuring and democratizing** European political parties;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore **have organisational uniformity**; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore **follow compatible organisational patterns**; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

Amendment 46
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties ***and their political foundations***;

Amendment 47
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out that political parties have rights and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

Amendment

8. Points out that political parties have rights, ***obligations*** and responsibilities and should therefore have organisational uniformity; considers that this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties;

Amendment 48
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the need to separate the legal recognition of European political parties from their funding; underlines that the proposed tightening of the criteria for the funding of political parties must be supplemented by less restrictive criteria of their legal recognition in order to keep the European political space accessible to new parties and parties not yet represented in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Points out that a legal statute should reflect the outstanding role of political parties for democratic decision-making and for the mediation of interests between citizens and their representatives; stresses that political parties therefore should be granted special rights and obligations; notes that internal democratic structures and respect for democratic values are a sine qua non for the recognition as a political party; notes further that political parties which fulfil those criteria should be granted full political independence; their funding must not be made dependent on their work programmes or any other criteria as regards the substance of their activities;

Amendment 50
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is convinced that *authentic legal status for the European political parties and a legal personality of their own, based directly on the law of the European Union, will enable the European political parties to act as representative agents of the European public interest;*

Amendment

9. Is convinced that *the next step in the development of European political parties should be the establishment of a statute which reconstitutes the parties on a common basis under EU law;*

Amendment 51
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is convinced that authentic legal status for the European political parties and a legal personality of their own, based directly on the law of the European Union, will enable the European political parties to act as representative agents of the European public interest;

Amendment

9. Is convinced that authentic legal status for the European political parties and a legal personality of their own, based directly on the law of the European Union, will enable the European political parties *and their political foundations* to act as representative agents of the European public interest;

Amendment 52
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Notes that creating a fiscal regime for the staff of European political parties will enhance their efficiency; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Matthias Groote, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Notes that creating a fiscal regime for the staff of European political parties will enhance their efficiency; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Alain Lamassoure, Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Notes that creating a fiscal regime for the staff of European political parties will enhance their efficiency; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that creating a fiscal regime for the **staff of** European political parties will enhance their efficiency;

Amendment

10. Notes that creating a **clearer and less burdensome** fiscal regime for the European political parties will enhance their efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the European political parties should interact and compete in a three-level approach: regionally, nationally and internationally; considers that in a period of crisis, it is of the utmost importance for political parties to be efficient and productive at both EU and Member State level;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 57
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the European political parties should interact and compete in a three-level approach:

Amendment

11. Takes the view that the European political parties should interact and compete **on matters relating to common**

regionally, nationally and *internationally*; considers that *in a period of crisis*, it is of the utmost importance for political parties to *be efficient and productive at both EU and Member State level*;

European challenges and the European Union and its development in a three-level approach: regionally, nationally and *at European level*; considers that it is of the utmost importance for *European* political parties to *act in close cooperation and in agreement with their national or regional member parties in this context*;

Or. de

Amendment 58
Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes the view that the European political parties should interact *and compete* in a three-level approach: regionally, nationally and internationally; considers that in a period of crisis, it is of the utmost importance for political parties to be efficient and productive at *both* EU and Member State level;

Amendment

11. Takes the view that the European political parties should interact in a three-level approach: regionally, nationally and internationally; considers that in a period of crisis, it is of the utmost importance for political parties to be efficient and productive at EU and Member State level *and beyond*;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Subtitle 1 a (new) (to be introduced just before paragraph 12)

Motion for a resolution

Statute and legal personality of the European parties and foundations – dimensions and prospects

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 60
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Groote

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Stresses that interaction of the European political parties involves the adoption of a transnational party list; points out that without legal status there can be no prospect of adopting a transnational list of candidates for Parliament; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 61
Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Stresses that interaction of the European political parties involves the adoption of a transnational party list; points out that without legal status there can be no prospect of adopting a transnational list of candidates for Parliament; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 62
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses ***that interaction of the European political parties involves*** the adoption of a transnational party ***list***; ***points out that without legal status there can be no prospect of adopting a transnational list of candidates for Parliament***;

Amendment

12. Stresses ***the importance of*** the adoption of transnational party ***lists for the election of a portion of seats in the European Parliament***, and notes the scale of the ***challenges this reform will pose to European political parties which will have to upgrade their activities and strengthen their organisational capacity in order to compose the lists and campaign effectively on a pan-EU basis for votes and seats***;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines the importance of forming cross-country synergies among candidates standing on genuinely European issues and policy platforms;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines the importance of forming cross-country synergies among candidates standing on genuinely European issues and policy platforms;

Amendment

13. Underlines the importance of forming cross-country synergies among candidates standing on genuinely European issues and policy platforms, ***which should eventually lead to the designation of nominees from***

the European political parties for the post of Commission President;

Or. de

Amendment 65

Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines the importance of forming cross-country synergies among candidates standing on genuinely European issues and policy platforms;

Amendment

13. Underlines the importance, *for some*, of forming cross-country synergies among candidates standing on genuinely European issues and policy platforms;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is of the opinion that the creation of an additional constituency for elections to the European Parliament, formed of the whole territory of the European Union, and the setting up of transnational lists with candidates drawn from several Member States campaigning throughout the EU, would present a unique and 'tailor-made' opportunity for the European political parties to be in the European public eye and get closer to European citizens;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 67

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is of the opinion that the creation of an additional constituency for elections to the European Parliament, formed of the whole territory of the European Union, and the setting up of transnational lists with candidates drawn from several Member States campaigning throughout the EU, would present a unique and ‘tailor-made’ opportunity for the European political parties to be in the European public eye and get closer to European citizens;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 68

Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is of the opinion that the creation of an additional constituency for elections to the European Parliament, ***formed of the whole territory of the European Union, and the setting up of transnational lists with candidates drawn from several Member States campaigning throughout the EU,*** would present ***a unique and ‘tailor-made’*** opportunity for the European political parties to be in the European public eye ***and get closer to European citizens;***

Amendment

14. Is of the opinion that the creation of an additional constituency for elections to the European Parliament would present ***an*** opportunity for the European political parties to be in the European public eye;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that this would be a first step towards changing the character of the European elections, moving away from their image as ‘synchronised national elections’; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 70
Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that this would be a first step towards changing the character of the European elections, moving away from their image as ‘synchronised national elections’; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 71
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Considers that this would be a first step towards changing the character of the European elections, ***moving away from their image as ‘synchronised national***

15. Considers that this would be a first step towards changing the character of the European elections;

elections’;

Or. de

Amendment 72

Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that this **would be a first** step towards changing the character of the European elections, moving away from their image as ‘synchronised national elections’;

Amendment

15. Considers that this **reform will be the key** step towards changing the character of the European elections, moving away from their image as ‘synchronised national elections’;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses that the creation of a transnational party system highlights the institutional problems of the European political parties; points out that when national parties operate within the wider European groupings they encourage the solution of common European problems;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 74
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Stresses that the creation of a transnational party system highlights the institutional problems of the European political parties; points out that when national parties operate within the wider European groupings they encourage the solution of common European problems;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 75
Daniel Hannan, Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Recalls a demand made long ago, namely to give the European political parties and foundations a legal statute, enabling them to acquire legal personality under EU law rather than the law of the State where they are established or recognised; considers that such a statute could at the same time lay down minimum requirements as to their functioning and structure; invites the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to draw up a legislative proposal with this aim, to be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 76
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. **Recalls a demand made long ago, namely to give the European political parties and foundations a legal statute, enabling them to acquire legal personality under EU law rather than the law of the State where they are established or recognised; considers that such a statute could at the same time lay down minimum requirements as to their functioning and structure; invites the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to draw up a legislative proposal with this aim, to be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;**

Amendment

18. **Decides therefore to request the Commission to propose a draft statute for European political parties** in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls a demand made long ago, namely to give the European political parties and foundations a legal statute, enabling them to acquire legal personality under EU law rather than the law of the State where they are established or recognised; considers that such a statute **could** at the same time lay down minimum requirements as to their functioning and **structure**; invites the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to draw up a legislative proposal with this aim, to be

Amendment

18. Recalls a demand made long ago, namely to give the European political parties and foundations a legal statute, enabling them to acquire legal personality under EU law rather than the law of the State where they are established or recognised; considers that such a statute **must** at the same time lay down minimum requirements as to their functioning and **democratic nature**; invites the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to draw up a legislative proposal with this aim, to be

submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ;

submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ;

Or. de

Amendment 78
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls a demand made long ago, namely to give the European political parties and foundations a legal statute, enabling them to acquire legal personality under EU law rather than the law of the State where they are established or recognised; considers that such a statute could at the same time lay down minimum requirements as to their functioning and structure; invites the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to draw up a legislative proposal with this aim, to be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Amendment

18. Recalls a demand made long ago, namely to give the European political parties and foundations a legal statute, enabling them to acquire legal personality under EU law rather than the law of the State where they are established or recognised; considers that such a statute could at the same time lay down minimum requirements as to their functioning and structure; invites the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to draw up a legislative proposal with this aim ***at earliest convenience***, to be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Notes that the statute will be adapted to reforms that may be made to the European electoral system;

Amendment 80
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes that what is needed on a more short-term basis is to improve the regulatory environment of the European political parties and foundations, taking as a first step the adoption of the European legal statute;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 81
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes that what is needed on a *more* short-term basis is to improve the regulatory environment of the European political parties and foundations, *taking as a first step the adoption of the European legal statute;*

Amendment

19. Notes that what is needed on a short-term basis is to improve the regulatory environment of the European political parties and foundations; *invites the Commission to take the steps necessary for amending Regulation 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at the European level and the rules regarding their funding accordingly;*

Or. en

Amendment 82
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Takes the view that European political parties should draw at least 50% of their resources from individual persons' membership fees and donations in order to guarantee that they will not gather only national and regional parties but be truly European;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Points out that the award of funding and settlement of the accounts of the European political parties and foundations are bureaucratic and cumbersome procedures; considers that this stems to a great extent from the fact that the funding falls under the regime of 'grants' within the meaning of the Financial Regulation, which is appropriate for the funding of projects or associations but not for parties; ***considers, further, that the system of grants is not in line with the funding arrangements of parties at Member State level;***

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Or. en

Amendment 84
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is therefore of the opinion that ***it would be helpful*** to create a new Title in the Financial Regulation dedicated especially to, and tailor-made for, the funding of European parties and foundations; considers that the Funding Regulation should, where its financial implementation is concerned, refer to the provisions of this new Title;

Amendment

22. Is therefore of the opinion that ***the Commission should propose*** to create a new Title in the Financial Regulation dedicated especially to, and tailor-made for, the funding of European parties and foundations; considers that the Funding Regulation should, where its financial implementation is concerned, refer to the provisions of this new Title;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Matthias Groote, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses that the self-financing of parties and foundations is a sign of vitality; believes that it should be encouraged by putting up the present limit of EUR 12 000 per year for donations to EUR 25 000, combined however with a requirement to disclose the donors of a donation at the time of its receipt;

Amendment

23. Stresses that the self-financing of parties and foundations is a sign of vitality; believes that it should be encouraged by putting up the present limit of EUR 12 000 per year for donations to EUR 25 000 ***per year/per donator***, combined however with a requirement to disclose the donors of a donation at the time of its receipt ***in accordance with the legislation in force and in the interests of transparency***;

Or. xm

Amendment 86
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Points out that the activities of a political party cannot be programmed over a lengthy period, since it has to react constantly to changing situations; considers that to ask for the submission of ‘annual work programmes’ as a precondition for funding is *in these circumstances an unnecessary bureaucratic burden which should be removed from the funding regime*; points out, moreover, that such a requirement does not exist in any Member State of the Union;

Amendment

24. Considers that to ask for the submission of ‘annual work programmes’ as a precondition for funding is ***inappropriate for political parties***; points out, moreover, that such a requirement does not exist in any Member State of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Points out that the Financial Regulation stipulates that grants ‘may not finance the entire operating expenditure of the beneficiary body’; observes that respecting this rule is especially difficult for foundations and leads to evasive bookkeeping techniques (for example ‘contributions in kind’); points out that almost none of the funding schemes in Member States require partial self-financing, as this may disadvantage smaller or recently established parties;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 88

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Points out that ***the independent resources that the*** European political parties ***are*** required to demonstrate ***could be reduced to 10 %***, to further enhance the development of the European political parties; ***at the same time, believes that their own resources in the form of physical resources should not exceed 7.5 %;sources should not exceed 7.5 %;***

Amendment

27. Points out that European political parties ***should not be*** required to demonstrate ***co-financing resources***, to further enhance the development of the European political parties;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Points out that the independent resources that the European political parties are required to demonstrate could be reduced to ***10 %***, to further enhance the development of the European political parties; at the same time, believes that their own resources in the form of physical resources should not exceed 7.5 %;

Amendment

27. Points out that the independent resources that the European political parties are required to demonstrate could be reduced to ***5%***, to further enhance the development of the European political parties; at the same time, believes that their own resources in the form of physical resources should not exceed 7.5 %;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Points out that in the context of this revision the limitation imposed on European political foundations to use their funds within the European Union should be removed; thereby enabling these Foundations to play a role within as well as beyond Europe focusing primarily on candidate and ENP countries;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Andrew Duff, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Points out that in the context of this revision the limitation imposed on European political foundations to use their funds within the European Union should be removed; thereby enabling these Foundations to play a role within as well as beyond European borders;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Zita Gurmai, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Emphasises, however, that the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are **at present** missing; **considers that such** sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in **the case of infringement of** the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations;

Amendment

29. Emphasises, however, that **making** the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are missing **up to now; these** sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in case of **infringements against** the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations; **underlines the necessity of providing the same conditions for building reserves from own resources in excess and carry-over funds for both European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations;**

Or. en

Amendment 93
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Emphasises, however, that the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are at present missing; considers that such sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in the case of infringement of the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations;

Amendment

29. Emphasises, however, that the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are at present missing; considers that such sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in the case of infringement of the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations; **underlines the necessity of providing the same conditions for building reserves and carry-over funds for both European political parties and their European political foundations;**

Or. en

Amendment 94
Gerald Häfner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Emphasises, however, that the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are at present missing; considers that such sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in the case of infringement of the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations;

Amendment

29. Emphasises, however, that the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are at present missing; considers that such sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in the case of infringement of the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations; ***underlines the necessity of providing the same conditions for building reserves and carry-over funds for both European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations;***

Or. en

Amendment 95
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Points out that since 2008 European political parties have been entitled to use sums received as grants for ‘financing campaigns conducted ... in the context of the elections to the European Parliament ...’ (Article 8, third paragraph, of the Funding Regulation); further points out, however, that they are prohibited from using these sums for financing ‘referenda campaigns’; ***considers that the reason for this is probably a concern that European parties and foundations could interfere in the domestic affairs of Member States;*** believes, however that, if European

Amendment

30. Points out that since 2008 European political parties have been entitled to use sums received as grants for ‘financing campaigns conducted ... in the context of the elections to the European Parliament ...’ (Article 8, third paragraph, of the Funding Regulation); further points out, however, that they are prohibited from using these sums for financing ‘referenda campaigns’; believes, however that, if European political parties are to play a political role at EU level, they should have the right to participate in such campaigns as long as the subject of the referendum

political parties are to play a political role at EU level, they should have the right to participate in such campaigns as long as the subject of the referendum has a direct link with issues concerning the European Union;

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Or. en

Amendment 96
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Invites the European political parties to begin now, without being required to do so by the legislator, on the following reforms: the possibility of individual membership; and the election by all party members of delegates to party congresses, which in turn designate the decision-making bodies of the party, submitting programmes and manifestos either to a referendum of all members or to a congress, and deciding in the same way on the designation of their nominees for the presidency of the Commission;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 97
Andrew Duff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Invites the European political parties to begin now, without being required to do so by the legislator, on the following

31. Urges the European political parties to create conditions for the recruitment of individual citizens as direct members, and

reforms: the possibility of individual membership; and the election by all party members of delegates to party congresses, which in turn designate the decision-making bodies of the party, submitting programmes and manifestos either to a referendum of all members or to a congress, and deciding in the same way on the designation of their nominees for the presidency of the Commission;

for the appropriate participation of the direct membership in the internal activities and decision-making processes of the parties;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Invites the European political parties to begin now, without being required to do so by the legislator, on the following reforms: ***the possibility of individual membership; and*** the election by all party members of delegates to party congresses, which in turn designate the decision-making bodies of the party, submitting programmes and manifestos either to a referendum of all members or to a congress, and deciding in the same way on the designation of their nominees for the presidency of the Commission;

Amendment

31. Invites the European political parties to begin now, without being required to do so by the legislator, on the following reforms: the election, ***directly or indirectly,*** by all party members of delegates to party congresses, which in turn designate the decision-making bodies of the party, submitting programmes and manifestos either to a referendum of all members or to a congress, and deciding in the same way on the designation of their nominees for the presidency of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Matthias Grootte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Takes the view that it is for the corresponding European political party to determine the conditions for membership of that party, which may be individual or through affiliation to one of the national political parties belonging to the European political party;

Or. es