

**Petition 0417/2009 by A. d'A. (Italian), on a ban on convicted persons standing for election to the European Parliament**

The petitioner points to the fact that a number of convicted persons hold a seat in the Italian parliament. Italy has no law which prevents such persons from entering parliament and the country is still waiting for a law to that effect (the Parlamento Pulito citizens' initiative has collected more than 300,000 signatures). The petitioner requests the European Parliament to modify the rules applicable to the election of MEPs in such a way that it will no longer be possible for convicted persons to obtain a seat in the European Parliament.

**Recommendations**

- Declare admissible;
- forward to the Committee on Constitutional Affairs;
- close.

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