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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the recognition of European citizenship led to the introduction of common arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote in municipal elections for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals (Directive 94/80/EC of 19 December 1994) and this is a constituent factor in European citizenship, since the right to participate in public life, as laid down in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, is thereby recognised,
- B. whereas the aim of this proposal is to remove the condition of citizenship, on which the right to vote currently depends in most of the Member States,
 1. Considers that anyone who has decided to settle in a European Union country should enjoy the rights set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU;
 2. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for a directive aimed at introducing uniform procedures for granting the right to vote in local elections to third-country citizens residing in one of the Member States and in possession of a residence permit.