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Amendment 1

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Report

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Motion for a resolution

Recital A

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A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is a new political right for citizens *as well as a unique and innovative agenda-setting tool for participatory democracy in the European Union, allowing* citizens to play an active part in projects and processes that affect them, and the potential of which must unquestionably be exploited to the full and significantly enhanced in order to *achieve the best results and to encourage as many EU citizens as possible to participate in the further development of the European integration process; whereas it must be one of the EU's priority objectives to strengthen* the democratic legitimacy of its institutions;

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A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is a new political right for citizens, *which should allow* citizens to play an active part in projects and processes that affect them, and the potential of which must unquestionably be exploited to the full and significantly enhanced in order to *contribute to strengthening* the democratic legitimacy of *the EU's* institutions; *whereas, however, the ECI, even if perfectly functioning, cannot be considered to make good the huge democratic deficit which has characterised the EU since its inception;*

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Amendment 2

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Paragraph 3

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3. Stresses that the ECI is an exceptional opportunity for citizens to identify and articulate their aspirations and to ask for EU action, and that it must be encouraged and supported by all available means; **recognises**, however, that there are significant deficits which need to be tackled and solved in order to make the ECI more effective; stresses that all further assessment of the instrument should be aimed at attaining **maximum user-friendliness, given that it is a primary means of linking the citizens of Europe to the EU**; further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and calls on the Commission and the Member States, therefore, to explore alternatives in order to offer the option of doing so in all activities connected with an ECI, as this encourages citizen participation; points out the importance of public awareness of the ECI, while regretting the limited knowledge of this tool among EU citizens; calls for the EU, to this end, to organise publicity and promotion campaigns with a view to giving the ECI a higher profile in the media and among the public;

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3. Stresses that the ECI is an exceptional opportunity for citizens to identify and articulate their aspirations and to ask for EU action, and that it must be encouraged and supported by all available means; **highlights**, however, **the fact** that there are significant deficits which need to be tackled and solved in order to make the ECI more effective **and not to turn it into a bait and switch**; stresses that all further assessment **and revision** of the instrument should be aimed at attaining **an obligation for the Commission to follow up a successful ECI by submitting an appropriate legislative proposal**; further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and calls on the Commission and the Member States, therefore, to explore alternatives in order to offer the option of doing so in all activities connected with an ECI, as this encourages citizen participation; points out the importance of public awareness of the ECI, while regretting the limited knowledge of this tool among EU citizens; calls for the EU, to this end, to organise publicity and promotion campaigns with a view to giving the ECI a higher profile in the media and among the public;

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