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on e-democracy and e-European citizenship

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on e-democracy and e-European citizenship

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the articles of the Treaties on openness and transparency, and the provisions on the right of access to documents and the openness of the EU institutions' meetings,
- B. whereas e-democracy, i.e. the application of digital technology (e.g. Internet) to the democratic process can encourage European citizens to play their part and exercise their political and civil rights,
- 1. Affirms that European citizenship should imply a 'right of access' to all documents and all public meetings via the Internet;
- 2. Calls for the Treaties to be amended so that:
 - the proceedings of all public meetings of the EU institutions and their bodies are broadcast live (audio-video) and archived on the Internet;
 - every citizen can fully exercise his rights of European citizenship (e.g. as regards voting in European Parliament elections, submitting complaints to the European Ombudsman or the Court of Justice, or petitions to the European Parliament) through the Internet by means of identification systems which comply with Community law;
 - the EU institutions and the Member States are urged to promote electronic voting, and in particular voting arrangements using 'e-voting monitored polling stations' for the 2004 European elections.



