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on the need to resolve fundamental problems in the EU by means of the forms of direct democracy, in particular the referendum

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Written declaration on the need to resolve fundamental problems in the EU by means of the forms of direct democracy, in particular the referendum

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the process connected with the failed attempt to approve the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe proved that a fundamental cause of the crisis of legitimacy in the EU was inadequate democratic representation at the level of the bodies and institutions of the Union,
- B. whereas EU citizens are still merely spectators when it comes to fundamental decisions at EU level, despite the fact that these decisions significantly affect their lives,
- C. whereas EU citizens should, in addition to the procedures of representative democracy, play a part in the political formation of the general will in the EU by means of direct democracy with the aim of reinforcing their - indispensable - involvement in events and decisions in the EU,
- D. whereas the so-called Lisbon Reform Treaty is a fundamental matter involving the functioning of the EU and the life of EU citizens,
 1. Is convinced that the only acceptable instrument for ratification of the so-called Lisbon Reform Treaty in the Member States, and of similarly significant political steps concerning the EU, is a referendum;
 2. Calls upon the Member States to ratify the so-called Lisbon Reform Treaty solely by means of a referendum;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments and governments of the Member States.