

Resolution on the report of the European Parliament, *Stocktaking of the European Elections*

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1 The Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists gathered on
2 December 19, 2020

3 **welcomes**

4 the report of the European Parliament 'Stocktaking of the European Elections'
5 adopted on November 26, 2020 and supports key elements thereof:

- 6 - In this report the European Parliament calls for a unified European
7 electoral law that should lead to immediate improvements for the
8 elections in 2024. It calls for amending Regulation 1141/ 2014 to allow
9 European political parties and movements to fully participate in the
10 European political space. European political parties should be
11 recognised by a European Electoral Authority. Furthermore this authority
12 should monitor the implementation of the unified European electoral
13 law.
- 14 - European political parties should fully participate in European election
15 campaigns with European manifestos, a Spitzenkandidat and
16 transnational electoral lists. Transnational electoral lists could help to
17 transform the European elections into a single European election, as
18 opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections that it is
19 today.
- 20 - Voters should be allowed to vote for their preferred candidate for
21 President of the Commission; Spitzenkandidaten should be able to
22 stand as official candidates in all Member States, elected by a
23 European political party and standing for a unified electoral
24 programme. The process of choosing the Commission President should
25 be reformed before the European elections in 2024 so that the chosen
26 candidate secures the support of the majority of MEPs.
- 27 - To further innovation in the European political space by improving the
28 access to elections and electoral ballots for new parties across the
29 continent and in Member States.
- 30 - The European Parliament stressed the need to use instruments such as
31 zipped lists to achieve a genuinely gender-balanced Parliament as well
32 as calling on Member States and political parties to take proactive
33 measures to increase the representation of underrepresented groups
34 on electoral.

35 **emphasises**



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that to achieve this, the European Parliament should urgently use its right to initiate a unified European electoral law. In this unified European electoral law citizens should have two types of votes, one to vote for a Member of the European Parliament in established constituencies in each Member State and one for members to be elected via a closed transnational list in an EU-wide constituency. These transnational lists require truly transnational European parties - as opposed to a collection of national parties – with unified electoral programmes and Spitzenkandidaten that are able to stand as official candidates in all Member States.

stresses

the importance that the European Parliament forwards its proposal for a Regulation on the unified European electoral law by summer 2021 to the Council to be ratified and implemented in all Member States prior to the 2024 elections of the European Parliament.