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Subject: Public hearing on the "Reform of the European electoral law"

Dear Professor Dr. Pukelsheim,

The Committee on constitutional affairs of the European Parliament (AFCO) is organising a public hearing on the "reform of the European electoral law" that will be held on 4 December 2014 from 9.00 pm to 12.30 pm in the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

As the Chairwoman of the Committee, I have the pleasure to invite you to participate as a speaker at the abovementioned hearing. Your presentation should be limited to a maximum of 20 minutes and we kindly ask you to respect this limit.

The analysis of further reform of the European electoral law might be structured around the following categories or "classes" of intervention:

- Practical arrangements not requiring changes to the law in order to strengthen the visibility of the European elections and the public awareness thereof;
- Changes to secondary law: Right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals (Regulation 93/109/EC as amended);
- Measures implementing the Electoral Act proposed by the European Parliament and adopted by the Council after consulting the Commission (Article 14 Electoral Act);
- Changes to the Electoral Act in order for example to establish a level playing field for parties and candidates;
- Changes to the Treaties for example to modify the number of Members of Parliament with a view to introduce transnational lists.

A preliminary draft programme of the hearing will be sent out in due time.



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PUBLIC HEARING

The reform of the European electoral law

4 December 2014, from 09.00 am to 12.00 am

Brussels – Building Altiero Spinelli - Room 1 G 3

*** **Draft Programme** ***

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| 09h00 | Welcome speech and opening remarks by the Chair, MEP Danuta Hübner |
| 09h05 | Democratic legitimacy in the European Union: taking a new look at the composition and electoral procedure of the European Parliament,
<i>Andrew Duff, Former Member of the European Parliament and AFCO Rapporteur on electoral reform</i> |
| 09h25 | Debate |
| 09h40 | Reinforcing uniformity in the European Electoral Act: Interim advances in 2019 towards systematic double-proportionality in 2024
<i>Friedrich Pukelsheim, Professor em. at the Institute for Mathematics, University of Augsburg</i> |
| 10h00 | Debate |
| 10h15 | What effects turnout, and what can be done regarding turnout?
<i>Brendan O'Leary, lauder Professor of Politic Science & Director of the Penn Program in Ethnic conflict, University of Pennsylvania</i> |
| 10h35 | Debate |
| 10h50 | Making European elections more European: a difficult challenge
<i>Roberto D'Alimonte, Professor at LUISS University Guido Carli in Rome</i> |
| 11h10 | Debate |
| 11h25 | The European electoral law reform: looking for clarity?
<i>Yves Bertoncini, Director of Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute in Paris</i> |
| 11h45 | Debate and concluding remarks by the Chair |