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Statute and funding of European political parties and foundations

European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2017 on the funding of political parties and political foundations at European level (2017/2733(RSP))

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The European Parliament,

— having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (1),

— having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas transnational political parties and foundations help to form a wider European political awareness and express the will of the citizens of the Union;

B. whereas the funding of European political parties and foundations should support political activities in line with the principles of the Union and be transparent and not open to abuse;

C. whereas Article 6 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 establishes an Authority for European political parties and European political foundations, to be set up by 1 September 2016 with the function of deciding whether the registration and de-registration of European political parties and political foundations are in compliance with the procedures and conditions laid down in the regulation;

1. Regrets the numerous shortcomings of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, especially in respect of the level of co-financing (own resources), and of the possibility of multi-party membership of Members of the European Parliament;

2. Encourages the Commission to take a closer look at all the shortcomings and to propose a revision of the regulation as soon as possible;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.