

Committee on Constitutional Affairs The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to an Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) that the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) will hold on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

The main aim of this Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting is to exchange views with national Parliaments on the 'Reform of the European Electoral System'.

On 3 May 2022 Parliament adopted a proposal for a Council Regulation on the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, repealing Council Decision (76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom) and the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage annexed to that Decision (2020/2220(INL)). Several Parliaments have expressed their views on this proposal.

Following the exchange of views on the "Reform of the European Electoral Law" during the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of 22 June 2021, we would like to use the opportunity of the ICM on 26 April 2023 to have an in-depth exchange of views with national Parliaments on the 2022 European Parliament proposal.

I would thus, like to cordially invite you, together with a small delegation from your committee, to the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of AFCO, to be held on 26 April 2023 in the afternoon. In this context, I would be very pleased to welcome up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting. Please be informed that the meeting will be held in hybrid format. Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our Members and other participants.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation, and I am looking forward to your participation in this event on 26 April 2023 and to a constructive and fruitful debate.

In attachment, you will find a copy of the draft programme of the meeting. A final copy will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Salvatore De Meo

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Encl: Draft Programme of the AFCO Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of 26 April 2023