

**PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION [1.1] OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEAD CANDIDATES AND THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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- 1 The UEF Federal Committee, meeting in Berlin on 22 April 2018,
- 2 Having regard to art. 17.7 of the Treaty on the European Union, which states that the European
- 3 Council, taking into account the elections to the European Parliament, shall propose a candidate
- 4 for President of the Commission and the European Parliament shall elect him;
- 5 Whereas the lead candidate process, experienced in 2014 European elections, paves the way to
- 6 upgrade the quality of European democracy, since it can put in the hands of citizens not only the
- 7 choice of the MEPs but also of the President of the European Commission and his legislature
- 8 programme;
- 9 **Invites the European political parties** to restart that process, and more specifically to summon
- 10 their conventions before the end of this year to approve the lead candidates proposed for the
- 11 Presidency of the European Commission and the electoral programmes, in order to prevent the
- 12 choice of the President of the European Commission from being taken secretly and behind closed
- 13 doors by the European Council;
- 14 **Invites the European Parliament** to reform the European electoral law in a way that ballots
- 15 should show the logo of the European political parties to which the national parties belong and
- 16 the name of the lead candidates, in order for European citizens be aware that they vote not only
- 17 to choose the MEPs, but also candidates to the Presidency of the European Commission;
- 18 Taking into account
- 19 – that, to elect the head of the European Commission, a majority of MEPs is required;
- 20 – that for a single European political party to win the largest number of votes in European
- 21 elections could not be enough to achieve a majority in the European Parliament;
- 22 – that a coalition of political parties could be necessary to elect the President of the
- 23 European Commission;
- 24 **Invites the European political parties** to form, during the electoral campaign, coalitions that have
- 25 the potential to achieve a majority of MEPs.