

European Parliament resolution on the election of Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (12 Mars 1969)


Caption: Owing to the six years of absence of any consideration by the Council of the draft convention on the election of the Members of the European Parliamentary Assembly by direct universal suffrage, in 1969, the European Parliament threatens the Council with bringing proceedings for failure to act before the Court of Justice under former Article 175 of the EC Treaty.

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The European Parliament,

— whereas Article 138(3) of the Treaty establishing the EEC provides that Parliament shall be elected by direct universal suffrage,

— whereas the European Parliament submitted a draft (1) on 17 May 1960 providing for elections by direct universal suffrage,

— whereas the Council has not yet taken any decision on the proposal, and whereas it abandoned consideration thereof six years ago,

Instructs its President to invite the Council to act without further delay on Parliament's proposal, as it is required to do under the Treaty, and to draw the Council's attention to the provisions of the first and second paragraphs of Article 175.

(1) OJ No 37, 2.6.1960, p. 834/60.