

RESOLUTION ABOUT GIBRALTAR

The Council of the European Liberal Democratic and Reform Party (ELDR), meeting in Brussels on 10th September 1997:

1-Notes:

(a) That the British colony of Gibraltar has been a member of the European Union under article 227(4) of the Treaty of Rome since 1 January 1973;

(b) That the people of Gibraltar are citizens of the Union under the Treaty of Maastricht;

(c) That all EU nationals resident in Gibraltar cannot vote in Gibraltar in elections to the European Parliament, even though Gibraltar has to implement European directives;

2-Considers:

(a) That a key element in Liberal political philosophy concerns the defense of human rights and the protection of the rights of minorities;

(b) That the right to vote is a basic human right which cannot be denied to EU residents of Gibraltar;

4-Urges:

(a) The European Union and the parties of the ELDR to work for a solution to the Gibraltar question in accordance with the wishes of its people,

5-Calls upon:

(a) The European Union and the parties of the ELDR, in the interests of democracy, to vigorously pursue the question of voting rights for Gibraltar in European elections, in order to allow all EU residents of Gibraltar to be able to vote in Gibraltar at the next elections to the European Parliament.

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