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"Vote on the composition of the European Parliament"

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I would just like to thank you for this vote. I think we have just made one more very important step toward the European elections of 2019.

I also believe that we have found a good solution for the composition of the future Parliament that is fair, objective, and also respecting European law, and it has also been agreed by unanimity by the European Council.

And this decision, I would like to remind you, this decision comes on top of our earlier decisions on setting the dates for the elections, on amending the regulation on the financing of European parties, and also outlining the Parliament's position on the Spitzenkandidaten process.

And I also hope that during our next plenary session we will finalise the reform of the European electoral law, also adopted by unanimity by the Council.

So now the challenge for all of us is to spare no effort to increase citizens' participation in the elections to the European Parliament and strengthen the ownership of Europe.