Verification of credentials

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The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the report drawn up by Klaus-Heiner LEHNE (EPP, DE) on a proposal for a European Parliament Decision on the verification of credentials.

The committee declares valid, subject to any decisions by the competent authorities of Member States in which the election results have been disputed, the mandate of the Members of the European Parliament listed in Annex I to this decision whose election has been notified by the competent national authorities and who have made the written declarations required on

the basis of Article 7(1) and (2) of the Act of 20 September 1976 and Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.

The parliamentary committee repeats its request to the competent national authorities not only promptly to notify the European Parliament of all the names of the elected candidates but also to forward the names of any substitutes together with their ranking in accordance with the results of the vote. The competent authorities of the Member States are called upon to complete as soon as possible the examination of the objections submitted to them and to inform the European Parliament of the outcome.

The Commission is invited to check whether the European Parliament (House of Lords Disqualification) Regulations 2008, and especially regulation 4 thereof, are entirely compatible with the Act of 20 September 1976 and, should this not be the case, to initiate any appropriate procedure.