Statute and financing of European political parties

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The Council examined the proposal for a Regulation on the establishment of temporary arrangements · lasting two years · for the statute and financing of European political parties. Discussions focused on three aspects which have not yet been settled, namely respect for democratic principles and a proposed verification system, the threshold for financing in terms of the number of Member States in which a European party must be established and the prohibition/limitation of certain types of donation. Following the discussion, the Chairman noted that differences of opinion remained and stated that he would enter into bilateral discussions with a view to finding possible solutions.