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**We propose the following common denominator on Institutions:****I. Legislative power: generalisation of the “co-decision” procedure**

The legislative power of the Union is equally shared between the Council and the European Parliament.

**II. Budgetary power : a single budget of the Union**

The Union has one single budget, which is proposed by the Commission. The budget is adopted by the “co-decision” procedure; if the Council and the Parliament fail to agree, the Parliament has the last word.

**III. Executive power : the Commission with stronger democratic mandate**

The President of the Commission is elected by simple majority in the European Parliament. Then, he/she submits a proposal of the composition of the whole Commission – which will ask a vote of investiture both in the European Parliament (acting by simple majority) and in the European Council (acting by qualified majority).

**IV. Better balance between main institutions of the Union : possibility to dissolve the European Parliament**

As the European Parliament becomes stronger in its legislative and budgetary powers and in its influence over the Commission, it has to be more accountable. Thus, if it overthrows the Commission, the European Parliament should be dissolved.

\* Mrs. VASSILIOU has reservations about point III ; she would like the President of the Commission to be elected with a qualified majority in the European Parliament.