



RESOLUTION:

A European Union citizenship

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Recognising that:

- Currently the European Union has a population of 500 million inhabitants.
- Every citizen of an EU Member State is automatically recognized as a European Union citizen.
- Every Member State determines its own rules when it comes to grant the citizenship to an individual.

Acknowledging that:

- That in the past years, especially with the migrant's crisis, the number of applications for European Member State's nationalities has increased.
- That some European countries are discussing in their national parliaments how to reform the laws on nationality, proposing in some cases the rule of the "ius soli" to be applied, i.e. granting national citizenship based on the fact that someone has been born within a State's territory.
- That, according to the above-mentioned principle, the parents of the born citizen can automatically obtain the nationality of their children just few years later (generally only 3 years after), without having to meet any other criteria, such as receiving the concerned State's education and demonstrating respect and sharing the European Member State culture and rules.
- That, especially during the migrants' crisis that nowadays is affecting the European Union, means that every person who is in one European country and have a baby during the

refugee request valuating period, has the right to stay in Europe even if they, without a child born in a European country, don't have the conditions to rest.

- That the application of the "ius soli" principle can be an incentive to have a baby for all the migrants that want obtain the "European union citizenship".
- That solely applying the principle of "ius soli", when it comes to granting nationality or citizenship, creates further difficulties and under no circumstances is it an adequate criterion for the above-mentioned purpose.

Yepp calls on:

- The EU and the European External Action Service's delegations to install a well-developed control mechanism of the migrants fulfilling the criteria of obtaining a national, and therefore a European Union, citizenship.
- The EU Member States to cooperate on legislating together on the matter of nationality.
- The EU Institutions and the Member States to abolish the practice of selling passports.
- The EU Institutions to initiate discussions on adopting a common set of rules among all Member States regulating the procedure and conditions of granting a member state's citizenship and as a consequence the European Union citizenship.