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L.N. 77 of 2014

EUROPEAN UNION ACT
(CAP. 460)

European Parliament Elections Act (Amendment) Order, 2014

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by article 4(2) of the European Union Act, the Prime Minister has made the following Order:-

Citation and objective.

1. (1) The title of this Order is the European Parliament Elections Act (Amendment) Order, 2014, and this Order shall be read and construed as one with the European Parliament Elections Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act".

Cap. 467.

(2) The objective of this Order is to transpose, into the Act, certain provisions of Council Directive 2013/1/EU of 20 December 2012 amending Directive 93/109/EC as regards certain detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals.

Amends article 2 of the Act.

2. In article 2 of the Act, for the definition "competent authority" there shall be substituted the following:

" "competent authority" means the body in a Member State charged with the conduct of elections of members of the European Parliament and the registration of voters therefor; the competent authority shall be the contact point to receive and transmit the information necessary for the application of the provisions of Article 6(3) of Directive 93/109/EC.".

Amends article 19 of the Act.

3. Paragraph (g) of sub-article (1) of article 19 of the Act shall be substituted by the following:

"(g) he has been deprived of his right to stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament under either the laws of Malta or of his home Member State, through an individual judicial decision or an administrative decision provided that the latter can be subject to judicial remedies;".

Amends article 20 of the Act.

4. Article 20 of the Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-article (1) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

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"(1) A candidate whose name appears on the European Union Electoral Register shall, when filing his nomination as candidate, also make a formal declaration in writing to the Electoral Commission stating that he is not standing as a candidate in any other Member State; that he has not been deprived the right to stand as a candidate in the home Member State through an individual judicial decision or an administrative decision provided that the latter can be subject to judicial remedies; and shall also produce to the Electoral Commission a valid identity document.";

(b) sub-article (2) thereof shall be deleted; and

(c) sub-article (5) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(5) Information exchanged in terms of this article shall be provided in an appropriate manner within five working days from the receipt of the notification or, where possible, within a shorter time-limit, if so requested by the Member State of residence. Such information may only include details that are strictly necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this article and may only be issued for such purpose.".

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