AUTHORITY FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

Decision of the Authority for European political parties and European political foundations of 13 November 2017

not to register Identités & traditions européennes

(Only the English text is authentic)

(2018/C 106/06)

THE AUTHORITY FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (1), in particular Article 9 thereof.

Having regard to the submission received from Identités & traditions européennes ASBL,

Whereas:

- (1) The Authority for European political parties and European political foundations (the 'Authority') received a submission from Identités & traditions européennes ASBL ('ITE') for registration as a European political foundation (the 'submission') on 28 September 2017,
- (2) The submission was accompanied by a letter co-signed by the president of ITE and the president of Alliance européenne des mouvements nationaux ('AEMN'), the association with which ITE is formally affiliated as per Article 16 bis of its statutes,
- (3) The Authority sent a preliminary assessment to ITE on 4 October 2017, whereby it preliminarily established that, without prejudice to the question of whether the submission constituted an application under terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the submission was inadmissible or, in the alternative, did not meet at least one of the conditions laid down in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (4) The Authority invited ITE to provide any written observations it wished to submit by Friday, 20 October 2017,
- (5) ITE did not avail itself of that opportunity and, to date, it has not submitted any observations,
- (6) The Authority has assessed the admissibility and merits of the submission, without prejudice to the question of whether it constitutes an application under the terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (7) The Authority considers that, even if it were to be regarded as an application under the terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the submission would not be admissible because, pursuant to Article 8(1) of that Regulation, an application for registration as a European political foundation can only be filed through the European political party with which that foundation is formally affiliated,
- (8) ITE is formally affiliated with AEMN, which is not a European political party registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (9) The submission does not therefore comply with the formal requirement laid down in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (10) In addition, the Authority considers that, even if it were to be regarded as an admissible application under the terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the submission would fail on the merits because, pursuant to letter (a) of Article 3(2) of that Regulation, registration is conditional upon an applicant being affiliated with a European political party registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in that Regulation,
- (11) As set out in recital 8, AEMN is not a European political party registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,

(12) The submission does not therefore fulfil one of the conditions laid down in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, notably the condition under letter (a) of Article 3(2) of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The submission lodged by Identités & traditions européennes for registration as a European political foundation is hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to

Identités & traditions européennes Rue des Alliés 15 6044 Roux (Charleroi) BELGIQUE/BELGIË

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2017.

For the Authority for European political parties and European political foundations

The Director

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