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The Act on the Disclosure of Election Financing

(414/2000)

Section 1 — Scope of application and purpose

This Act contains provisions on the notification on the election financing of an election campaign of a candidate in parliamentary elections, the Presidential election, municipal elections and European Parliamentary elections.

The purpose of this Act is to increase the transparency of election financing in order to clarify the possible personal interests of the candidates.

Section 2 — Obligation to notify of election financing

The following are obliged to submit a notification on their election financing:

- 1) Those elected Members of Parliament in parliamentary elections and those appointed Deputy Members when the election results are confirmed;
- 2) Those elected Members of the European Parliament and those appointed Deputy Members when the election results are confirmed;
- 3) Parties which have nominated candidates in Presidential elections or representatives of constituency associations or their substitutes and
- 4) Those elected Members and Deputy Members of the Council in municipal elections.

Section 3 — Information to be submitted

The notification shall include at least the following information:

- 1) statement of which election is in question;
- 2) the full name of the candidate and the name of the nominating party or a statement indicating that the candidate has been nominated by a constituency association;
- 3) total costs of the election campaign; and

- 4) contributions received by the candidate, his/her support group and other associations established in his/her support from outside, classified in terms of contributions from private persons, enterprises, party organisations and other corresponding important donors.

The value of each contribution and the name of the donor shall be stated separately, if the value is at least 3400 EUR in Presidential elections and European elections and at least 1700 EUR in parliamentary elections and municipal elections. Anything given voluntarily, received in the form of money, products, services or in any other corresponding manner, is considered a contribution, excluding ordinary voluntary work and ordinary free services. The name of the private donor may not be given without his/her express consent, if the contribution is smaller than the amount referred to above. [977/2001]

The notification must be provided with a signature of the party's representative or and election representative of a constituency association or his/her deputy and in other elections by the signature of the candidate himself/herself.

Section 4 — *Submitting the notification*

The notification shall be submitted in municipal elections to the central election committee and in other elections to the Ministry of Justice within a period of two months following the confirmation of the election results.

The notification may be submitted in a form that follows the template supplied by the Ministry of Justice.

Section 5 — *The publicity of the notification*

The notifications are kept in the Ministry of Justice and municipal election committee, and are as such public.

The Ministry of Justice may establish a register in which the information on the notifications may be recorded.

Section 6 — *More specific provisions*

More specific provisions regarding the enforcement of this Act are given in a Decree of the Ministry of Justice.

Section 7 — *Entry into force*

This Act enters into force on 15th May 2000.

Before the Act enters into force, procedures regarding the enforcement of this Act may be commenced.