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Act of 28 June 1984 on the Allocation of Contributions to Political Parties

I grant my approval to the following resolution adopted by the Landtag:

Art. 1

Basic Principle

The political parties shall, upon request, receive financial contributions for the purposes of political education, public relations work, and participation in the formation of political opinion, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, if they

- a) are represented in the Landtag
- b) participated in both constituencies in the last Landtag election; although in doing so did not reach a mandate, but did receive a minimum of three per cent of the total votes cast throughout the country, for their party.

Art. 2

Eligibility; Application

1) Political parties which are established in the form of an association (Article 246 ff Person and Company Law, PGR), commit themselves to the principles of the Constitution, and can demonstrate activities within the meaning of Art. 1, are entitled to the allocation of contributions.

2) The request for the allocation of contributions must be submitted to the Government by the body appointed for the purpose of representation, in accordance with the statutes.

Art. 3

*Amount of the Contributions*¹

- 1) The total contribution for political parties is set at 810,000 francs per year²
- 2) This contribution shall be allocated to the parties referred to in Article 1 Lit. a and b, in accordance with the respective shares of the electorate votes obtained during the last Landtag elections.³
- 3) In addition, each political party represented in the Landtag will receive a lump sum contribution of 60,000 francs per year.⁴

Art. 4

Distribution of the Contributions

- 1) The contributions shall be distributed in half-yearly payments on 1 March and 1 September.
- 2) The government may make the allocation of contributions dependent on the submission of approved statutes, financial statements, and documentation regarding the objectives and activities of the political parties.

Art. 5

*Decisions on the Granting of Contributions*⁵

- 1) The Government shall establish the contributions to the political parties following a Landtag election.⁶
- 2) The Office of Finance shall decide on the payment of the annual contributions following the Government's policy decision on the allocation of contributions.⁷

1 Art. 3 Title altered in LGBl. 1995 Nr. 102.

2 Art. 3 Para. 1 altered in LGBl. 2008 Nr. 191.

3 Art. 3 Para. 2 altered in LGBl. 1995 Nr. 102.

4 Art. 3 Para. 3 altered in LGBl. 2008 Nr. 191.

5 Art. 5 Title altered in LGBl. 1995 Nr. 19.

6 Art. 5 Para. 1 altered in LGBl. 1995 Nr. 19.

7 Art. 5 Para. 2 altered in LGBl. 2004 Nr. 37.

Art. 5a¹*Appeal*

1) Complaints may be lodged against decisions of the Office of Finances within 14 days of notification at the Finances Office or to the Government.

2) Government decisions may be appealed to the Administrative Court within 14 days of the date of notification.

Art. 6²*Obligations*

The political parties must maintain accurate records of the use of the contributions and keep the related documents on file. The annual financial statements must be published in a suitable form. The Government is authorised to commission an independent auditing company to carry out the audit.

Art. 7

Entry into Force

- 1) This Act shall enter into force on the day of its announcement.
- 2) The contributions shall be paid out for the first time in the year 1984.

signed *Franz Josef*

signed *Hans Brunhart*
Princely Prime Minister

1 Art. 5a altered in LGBl. 2004 Nr. 37.

2 Art. 6 altered in LGBl. 1995 Nr. 102.