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PES Presidency Declaration

The PES Presidency supports Partito Democratico and Partito Socialista Italiano in their efforts to modernize the institutional architecture of Italy.

On the 4th of December the Italian people will be asked to confirm through a referendum the Constitutional reforms already approved by the Parliament in April this year. The reform reduces the number of elected members of Parliament, transform the Senate into a body representing regional and local authorities and foresees other arrangements in terms of simplifying the legislative procedures.

The reform has been discussed in Parliament for over two years and it has been advocated from the Italian center-left for a long time.

We believe that the changes introduced will bring more political stability to Italy thus resolving what has been considered to be a systemic problem for decades. We expect that under the reformed Constitution Italy will gain efficiency in law-making and will play an ever increasing leading role within the European Union.

All progressive forces in the country should contribute to this historical process, showing the capacity of the political democratic system to reform itself and to deliver innovative solutions which will benefit the whole society.



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