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As representative from NCPD - The National Council for (the status of) People with Disabilities Company Limited by Guarantee - the charitable CLG and only National body of, for, by, run and controlled by a majority of People with Disabilities (only PwD are voting members), made up of members, independent networks and groups of, for, by run and controlled by PwD as service users and citizens advocates of, for and controlled by People with Disabilities, independent of commercially funded service providers and charities for PwD, I am hereby required to advised that all functions in respect of access, participation and decision-making at all levels of Government, state and public funded bodies must have a majority of People with Disabilities, as service users and advocates in charge and cannot make decisions under the UN Convention on the Human Rights of Persons with a Disabilities (and as EU is a signature, and Ireland has commenced ratification, without the optional protocol), thus the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, enacted per Lisbon II referendum gives effect to the legal requirement of representatives.

In considering EU boundaries, constituencies, and representation have you made or provided consultation of Rights of PwD and elderly having disabilities be included and facilitated to enable maximum participation and candidates for election with Disabilities being enabled.

This includes when drawing up constituencies, working out locations and facilities, for public meetings in each constituency, access for diverse disabilities to meet MEPs, election count centres and parking and public transport routes accessible for all diverse disability needs.

Please be aware that we have many groups and bodies registered in NCPD group for social and support, charity, individual diagnosis, and

I must also remind the learned friends, that constituencies shall include systems and procedures for all people from age of 16 with Irish citizenship, living outside the state, and this will include many UK residents in NI, Scotland, Wales and England, even if the UK does not have direct votes to the European Parliament all Irish Citizens there will be entitled to vote.

A case thus must be made as a result from BREXIT that Irelands seats and participation must be increased to allow voting rights of Irish citizens in other countries which may not be full EU members should have votes, and thus amount of seats should be increased according to Irish citizens eligible to vote and as matter of principal include those in NI and elsewhere, in same way that Denmark, Netherlands, France, Spain and Portugal have votes for citizens in ex-colonies and dominions, and other countries where a significant number of citizens resident, even thou for customs and passport purposes such administrative regions and countries are NOT part of the EU, but have special arrangements.

It must be pointed out that this is a complex matter as the volume of UK residents getting Irish passports through the Grandparent rule in the next few months is still likely to increase, as a result, as in Belgium many British ex-pats have applied for citizenship under the 5 year rule.

As a multinational (I am British born Belgian Citizen which due to resistance grandparents and Naturalised Irish voter in 1993) have been voting, although not a passport holder since the Divorce Referendum, I am able to bring case studies and information to bear and will be available to suggest and raise issues that other countries use for Citizens voting abroad, at embassies, consulates, or return registered mail having been certified by police, Minister of religion, CfO, PN or PC or such. I as Belgian citizen since February 2013, backdated to 01/01/1985, before first lived in Ireland, NI and/.or RoI, and thus can work through procedural and diplomatic systems used for Irish citizens over 16 to vote both inside and outside EU territories. I have consultations at diplomatic and UN

events, as a representative from Ireland's Autistic and Disability community, on reforms on the process to include all PwD, and alternative ways of balloting PwD used in other jurisdictions according to disability.

(I am) for the planet and social justice, / Is mise le haghaidh an phláinéid agus an cheartais shóisialta

Slán,

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