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EPSU honours its commitments

- In its election campaign, the EPSU list, which won, made a series of commitments, concerning, amongst others, the functioning of the Staff Committee.
- To fulfil its mission, the Staff Committee had, first of all, to escape from the quagmire in which it had been sunk by the previous majority.
- These were the commitments EPSU made concerning governance :
 - o Not to gag any minority;
 - To put an end to the blocking, crisis and disrepute;
 - o To make proper use, for the benefit of our colleagues, of the **human resources** made available to the SC (3 members and 2 permanent staff working full-time for the SC).
 - To replace confused talk and exclusion with genuine dialogue with the staff, within the SC and with the Institution.
- The staff gave us its mandate to advance in that direction.
- However, the rearguard of the previous StaffCom majority, which now forms the minority, has not grasped that message and is trying to bog us down again.
- Worse than that, US-L is rewriting history, by claiming that "in the past such resources were allocated on a proportional basis in the light of the election results" (!).
- Let's tell the truth! First of all, a distinction must be drawn between :
 - Nominations to joint committees;
 - 2 The Bureau's composition; and
 - 3 Human resources made available on a full-time basis.
- Here is an overview of how things evolved :

Cdp 2006-2008			Cdp 2008-2010		
Évolution des sièges au Cdp entre 2006 et 2008 →					
Elections 2006	Sièges au Cdp en début de mandat	Sièges au Cdp en <i>fin</i> de mandat		Elections 2008	Sièges au Cdp
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majorité (7 + 3, puis 4 + 6, un total de 10)			 Sièges de la minorité dans (tous) les organes paritaires : 22 (38%) Bureau proposé : 2 sur 5 mises à disposition: 		
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• Sièges de la minorité dans les organes paritaires : 4 (7%) (exclue des organes 'sensibles') • Bureau/mises à disposition : 0			majorité		

Le comité exécutif Breive Zilvinas; \$\alpha 4080 - Breton Monique; \$\alpha 2657 - Gavatz Antoine; \$\alpha 3538 - Rastrelli Giovanni; \$\alpha 3603 - Sklias Vassilis; \$\alpha 5699\$

- However, figures alone do not provide a full picture of reality.
- Under the 2004-2008 *regime*, a minority member nominated to a **joint committee** was forced to "represent and advocate the views of the Staff Committee majority", under the threat of expulsion.

Although EPSU has told US-L representatives clearly that their nomination will not be subject either to veto or censorship, the latter persist in *proudly upholding* the previous StaffCom's practice of banning dissenting opinions.

- 2 To avoid congestion of plenary meetings' work, EPSU announced its intention to establish a real 5-member Bureau including the minority.
- As for the 3 full-time members, EPSU, after 6 weeks of collective reflection, came to the conclusion that including one of the US-L team would unavoidably and seriously jeopardise the fulfilment of the StaffCom's mission.

US-L should have learnt that the *least* effective method for 'persuading' us is lying and blackmail. Indeed, how could one co-operate on a day-to-day basis for 2 years, for the staff's benefit, inside a micro-service such as the StaffCom, with those who are lying openly and publicly?

The conduct of one trade union which, having lost its power to exclude another, *appeals to the Administration to arbitrate* is deplorable. By contrast, the Administration is under a duty to intervene, as it did in fact in 2006-2007, only if the StaffCom is exceeding the limits of legality.

• It is time now for us to work to build upon the scorched earth which we have inherited.