

**Talking points by Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice-President of the
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- Edward McMillan-Scott MEP first proposed the European Democracy Fund in 1990, which evolved into the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)
- Despite being one of its founders, Mr. McMillan-Scott is also one of the EIDHR's critics
- Mr. McMillan-Scott thanks the Council for their conclusions, and supports their findings and proposals
- He believes that the ratification and implementation of the Lisbon Treaty will serve to improve the functionality and scope of the EIDHR and other external democracy instruments
- Mr. McMillan-Scott proposed establishing an 'impunity register' of confidential denunciations for human rights abuses worldwide which should be organised by the EU. This could be modelled on the Cold War West German register in Salzgitter which received denunciations from East Germany
- The register could be maintained by the European Commission or by the EU's Vienna-based Fundamental Rights Agency