

PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION [0.2]: IN SUPPORT OF THE ODYSSEUS INITIATIVE

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- 1 Realizing that there is a need to promote the mutual knowledge and understanding among the citizens of
- 2 Europe;
- 3 Noting that the European Voluntary Service (EVS) is the perfect tool to develop in practice a European
- 4 consciousness;
- 5 Noting that unfortunately EVS is not an effective program, since just 0.01 per cent of Europeans aged 18-30
- 6 enrolled in 2014;
- 7 Noting that EVS is not sufficiently well known, and that there are important access barriers and lack of funding;
- 8 The Union of European Federalists calls the European Commission to propose legislations for the revamping of
- 9 the EVS along the lines proposed by the "Odysseus" initiative, which aims at developing a truly European Civil
- 10 Service comparable to the popular and effective "Erasmus" program.