

## Selected primaries

The Socialist Party provides in articles 5.3.1, 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 of its national statutes an open primary to designate its candidate for the presidential election. However, the detail of this mechanism is particularly rigid.

Indeed, if the socialist party were to be engaged in a coalition of leftist forces to nominate a common candidate, what would be the reaction of its partners to the organization of a primary to nominate the socialist candidate?

Would not the irruption of such a process weaken the position of the party in negotiations with its partners?

What should be done in the probable hypothesis, based on the sovereignty of each partner, that none of them would agree to participate in the process and recognize the result?

What to do if a candidate is nominated while the party is still in a process of union of leftist forces?

Finally, how can a logic of division, that is, the crystallization of a polarization between the candidates, painfully severed by the ballot, lead to a logic of rallying?

Unless there is a dull and dispassionate campaign, grievances and resentments will accumulate among the candidates and the defeated supporters, making it difficult, and somewhat hypocritical, to achieve the simulacrum of reconciliation foreseen at the end.

Finally, isn't it illusory to pretend to build voter loyalty when many voters have no problem to make a commitment on honor, committing themselves to nothing, to support the winner to evaporate into the wilderness as soon as they leave the polling station?

As we can see, the Primary process is sorely lacking in flexibility.  
As it stands, this scenario described in this way is likely to occur if the statutes are not modified.

If the primaries are not repealed, it would be desirable to give the National Council, by a qualified majority, the power to take complete control of the process, including its non-organization.

For this reason, it is proposed that the text of Article 5.3.1 be rewritten as follows:

- by replacing in the 1st sentence "The candidate for the Presidency of the Republic shall be designated..." by "The candidate for the Presidency of the Republic may be designated...",
- by replacing the 3rd sentence "At least one year before the presidential election, the National Council sets the calendar and the modalities for the organization of the Primaries" by the sentence "The initiative to organize Primaries as well as all their modalities are decided by the National Council by a two-thirds majority of its members".

**Dieynaba DIOP**, Deputy Mayor of Les Mureaux, Deputy Federal Secretary of the Yvelines Federation, Spokesperson for the Socialist Party ;

**Etienne BROQUET**, Treasurer of the departmental federation of Yvelines ;

**Jacques CHESNAIS**, First Secretary of the Departmental Federation of Yvelines ;

**Liliane GIRONDEAU**, Member of the board and the council of the departmental federation of Yvelines;

**Claude GUILBERT**, Member of the council of the Yvelines departmental federation ;

**Jean-Marie PIDUCH**, Member of the board of the Yvelines departmental federation ;

**Pierre SMADJA**, Member of the board of the Yvelines departmental federation ;

**Sylvain THIALON**, Member of the board of the Yvelines departmental federation ;

**Boris VENON**, Secretary, member of the board and council of the Yvelines departmental federation ;

**Michèle VITRAC-POUZOLET**, Secretary, member of the board and the council of the departmental federation of Yvelines.