

Committee decision

**in connection with COM(2009) 622 final of 11 November 2009 on the consultation on a
“Green Book on a European Citizens’ Initiative” (21953/EU XXIV.GP)**

I. Statement to the European Commission

The Standing Subcommittee of the Main Committee on European Union Affairs, authorised in accordance with article 23e of the Federal Constitutional Law in conjunction with section 31e of the Federal Law on the Rules of Procedure of the National Council (GOG-NR), discussed the proposal contained in COM(2009) 622 final of 11 November 2009 on the consultation on a “Green Book on a European Citizens’ Initiative” at a public meeting on 29 January 2010 and decided to answer the questions arising out of this consultation as shown in the **Annex** to this decision.

II.

The Committee expects the responsible Austrian representatives in the Council to base the Austrian position in the negotiations on the answers referred to in paragraph I and to keep the National Council continuously informed of the course of the negotiations.

III. Communiqué

The EU Subcommittee decides to publish this statement as a communiqué in accordance with section 39 paragraphs 1 and 3 GOG-NR and to attach it to the summary presentation. It requests the President of the National Council to convey this statement to the Austrian Federal Government and the Joint Länder Liaison Office [Verbindungsstelle der Bundesländer] and the response mentioned in paragraph I and contained in the **Annex** to the Presidents of the European Commission, the Council, the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee, and to COSAC and IPEX.