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# Swiss abroad, be the exception to the rule!

History proves that the important decisions for the future and the rights of a people are always made by a minority.

With respect to the political rights of the Swiss abroad, or more precisely the exercise of those rights, we have reached a point where we need the help of every single Swiss man and woman abroad.

The regulation valid until today requires your personal presence in Switzerland to vote in elections and referendums. For your benefit, however, we would like you to have the right to exercise your political rights by correspondence.

Therefore:

1) You should register in large numbers with your official Swiss representative, even if you know that you will not be able to take advantage of this right, since, for example, you do not come to Switzerland very often. Your registration will show your interest clearly.

Aim of your registration:

If one notices that a large number of Swiss living abroad have registered in Switzerland, but only a small number actually come to Switzerland to vote, then the necessary measures will undoubtedly be enacted to change the present voting procedure.

2) Every Swiss man and woman abroad should fill in the questionnaire on page 11 of this magazine, **and by doing so express his or her interest in the political life of Switzerland.** Anyway, who is not interested?

By registering with your representative, you do the Swiss abroad as a whole a service, and do justice to the principles stated at the beginning of this text.

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