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**IF DEMOCRATS WERE DEMOCRATIC**

Instead of the PM *selecting* the cabinet, parliament should *elect* it. If such were the democratic norm, political patronage would be much reduced, so both ministers and backbenchers could express their views more easily.

In addition:

+ Teresa May’s position would be clarified.

+ Northern Ireland would now have an Executive, elected by and consisting of those who do want to share power.

+ The Netherlands, where the election took place on 15th March, would now have a government, and maybe too Germany, 24th September.

+ Ireland (26.2.2016) and Spain (20.12.2015 and 26.6 2016) would not have taken 70 and 300+ days respectively to form their administrations.

The appropriate methodology for electing a majority or all-party coalition is the matrix vote. It allows the MPs concerned to choose, in order of preference, not only those whom they want to be in government, but also the specific ministry in which they wish each of these nominees to serve. The matrix vote is PR, so the outcome is invariably a power-sharing coalition in which the relevant parties are represented in due proportion, while individually, each minister serves in a portfolio to which he/she is well suited.

Its relevance to conflict zones needs no emphasis.

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