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*Abstract*

The research attempts to verify the evolution in the relationship among the main characters that contribute in the determination of the State policy. This through the analysis of the Government Agenda's regulatory scheme.

Actually, the Government's policy Agenda, is an instrument of communication and interaction between the main institutions of a complete liberal democracy: the Electors, the Political parties, the Parliament and the Government.

The Italian institutional evolution that, from the very beginning of the Republican experience to nowadays, is characterized by a progressive change, from a "Parliament based" parliamentarism to a "majoritarian" parliamentarism, came along with a parallel modification, in the frame of government's balances, of the Government Agenda's role and importance.

Article 49 of the Italian Constitution, by which citizens have the right to contribute, with a democratic method throughout the Political parties, in the settlement of the State policy, has a chance of a possible objectification in the relation among electoral manifestos, Government's Agenda and State policy.

This relation has been characterized by ups and downs: the analysis of the Government's Agendas has highlighted some differences between the first period of the Republican History, detectable since the date the 1947 Constitution came into force and the end of the first party system in 1992, and the second period, started with the introduction of the majoritarian principle in 1993 and still current.

What can be noted is a different process of the political dynamics underlying a diverse Democratic Institutions' purpose, that, furthermore, influences the nature of the State policy and the role of the Government's Agenda.

Considering these connections, clearly emerges an evolving binomial concept: Government's Agenda-coalition party. Due to this change, the Constitutional standard procedure, by which the *Premier* presents the Government's Agenda to the Parliament in the Vote of Confidence circumstance, has assumed a new meaning towards the Parties of the coalitions and the Electorate.