



Dimitrios Papadimoulis
Vice-President of the European Parliament

To the attention of:

Mr. David Maria Sassoli
President of the European Parliament

cc:

Mr. Manfred Weber
President of the EPP Political Group in the European Parliament

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President of the S&D Political Group in the European Parliament

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Co-Presidents of the GUE/NGL Political Group in the European Parliament

7 October 2020

Subject: Historic decision regarding Golden Dawn's criminal actions

Dear President Sassoli,

Dear David,

I would like to inform you that the Criminal Court of Appeal in Athens took a historic decision regarding Golden Dawn's criminal actions, after a trial of 5.5 years. In this landmark decision, the far-right Golden Dawn and its leadership have been found guilty of running a criminal organisation as well as of other serious criminal acts, including murder, attempted murder of trade unionists,

immigrants and political opponents. The verdict clearly stated that members of Golden Dawn are the assassins of artist and antifascist Pavlos Fyssas in 2013 in Athens.

This is a historic day for Democracy and a victory against fascism and criminal violence in Greece and in Europe.

In the European Parliament, two Greek neo-nazi MEPs (Ioannis Lagos and Athanasios Konstantinou) have been elected with the Golden Dawn ballot, although currently are registered as "independents". After the Court verdict, there is a major political issue, especially regarding the conviction of MEP Lagos as one of the initiators and organisers of the Golden Dawn criminal organisation, but also concerning MEP Konstantinou, who was elected under the same racist and criminal banner.

I strongly believe that all democratic forces in the European Parliament should urgently work together to form a wide anti-fascist front to isolate this kind of far-right and fascist elements in our House, following all appropriate legal steps and procedures.

This development is connected with the recent attempts by extreme ultra-right and criminal forces to find an alternative source of financing at European level through the re-establishment of the Alliance for Peace and Freedom (APF), for which I have already informed you with a previous letter on 1 October.

Given your strong democratic values both at personal level and as President of the European Parliament, I rest assure that you will also work for solidifying democracy and protect our Institution from such fascist and neo-nazi extreme ideologies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dimitrios Papadimoulis".

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