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To the attention of:

Mr. David Maria Sassoli

President of the European Parliament

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Subject: Waiver of immunity of the convicted criminal MEP Ioannis Lagos

Dear President Sassoli,

Further to previous correspondence on 7 October on the historic court decision against Golden Dawn's criminal actions, we would like to inform you that the Criminal Court of Appeal sentenced Golden Dawn leadership to many years of imprisonment without suspension.

More specifically, MEP Ioannis Lagos was sentenced to 13 years and 8 months of imprisonment without suspension for serious criminal acts, including murder and attempted murder of immigrants and political opponents, as being one of the directors of the criminal organisation of Golden Dawn. Today MEP Ioannis Lagos is the only one, together with another fugitive Golden Dawn director, who is not in prison, using the immunity that the European Parliament provides.

It is an urgent need, following all appropriate legal steps and procedures, to proceed as soon as possible with the immunity waiver of the criminal neo-nazi MEP Ioannis Lagos.

Following your announcement of the request by the Greek authorities at the opening of the last Plenary, we understand that the Chair of the JURI Committee is expecting an analysis by the Legal Services of the adequacy of the current available technical solutions with the confidentiality requirements to deal with immunity cases.

Due to the exceptional criminal charges and sentences against MEP Ioannis Lagos and the gravity of this specific case, it is essential that the Parliament complies with all the necessary confidentiality procedural requirements and having a particular institutional interest, tackles this issue expeditiously, as an absolute priority.

For these reasons, we would like to request from your side to take all necessary actions for the urgent finalisation of this particular immunity waiver process, which is of outmost importance for the Parliament and the law enforcement, avoiding any delay that may damage the image of the Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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