



The President

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Dear Mr Bodnar,

Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2014 in which you provide me with your concerns about the recent visit of the Hungarian "Goy Motorcyclists" to the European Parliament.


We European Institutions are here as a result of the catastrophic first half of the twentieth century, as an answer to those dreadful experiences, to the absence of respect for basic human rights and fundamental democratic standards. The European Parliament and I personally have strongly condemned and continue to condemn all acts of intolerance and incitement to racial hatred, in particular and without reserve all forms of anti-Semitism however expressed.

In this context, I can only deeply regret the initiative taken by the Member you refer to in hosting the visit, and take note of his decision to reimburse to the Parliament the amounts claimed for that visit despite the fact that it had been organised in conformity with the applicable rules, to issue a public apology on 15 October and to resign from his post as head of delegation.

Parliament's visitor service is an important feature of our Institution and successfully gives thousands of people a window into the life of a unique transnational assembly directly representing, and legislating for, more than 500 million citizens. Any attempts to transform this service into a platform for political statements a fortiori in contradiction with the Charter of Fundamental Rights cannot be accepted.

I have forwarded your letter to the Committee for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs responsible for issues related to fundamental rights and the rights of minorities.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Schulz