

The President

Ms Cecilia Wikström
Chairwoman of the Committee on Petitions

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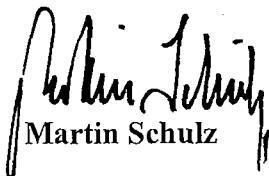
Dear Ms Wikström,

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2016 informing me about the hearing on "Transparency and Freedom of Information" planned by the Committee on Petitions on 21 June, and included in the annual programme of the hearings planned for the first half of 2016.

As indicated in the final programme sent with your letter one of the intended speakers is Mr Emilio Di Capitani, the citizen and former staff member of our institution who is currently litigating a case against the European Parliament before the Court of Justice concerning access to trilogue documents.

I would like to express my astonishment at the proposal of your Committee, and I regret to have to inform you that the hearing cannot be authorised given the possible prejudice of the dignity of the Parliament. I invite you, therefore, to propose a corrected programme as soon as possible, so the hearing can go ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Schulz