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Dear Mr Crosby,

Thank you for your letter of 27 April 2015, in which you make reference to the statements made by a Member of the European Parliament on his Facebook page, concerning the defence by an Italian lawyer of a Pakistani man expelled from Italy.

I assure you that I am, and have always been, determined to ensure a political debate that respects fundamental European values such as the rights of persons to a fair trial and the right of lawyers to exercise their professional duties freely.

In this context, I would like to point out that I cannot adopt any sanctions against Members for having made comments outside the Parliament premises. In cases such as that to which you made reference, I have to count on the jurisdiction of each Member State in which the statement took place to act if appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Schulz