Request for waiver of the immunity of Hans-Peter Martin

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution waiving the parliamentary immunity of the Austrian Member, Hans-Peter **MARTIN** (NI, AT). The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Diana **WALLIS** (ALDE, UK) on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee.

On 12 October 2007, the President of Parliament forwarded to the Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee a letter from the Austrian Permanent Representative enclosing a request from the Vienna Regional Criminal Court for the waiver of the parliamentary immunity of Mr Hans-Peter Martin.

With regard to the facts, it is recalled that a private prosecution has been brought against Mr Hans-Peter Martin in the Vienna Regional Criminal Court on 6 June 2007 by Merkur Treuhand Wirtschaftstreuhand- und Steuerberatungs Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung for commercial defamation pursuant to Section 152 of the Austrian Criminal Code.