Request for waiver of the immunity of Massimo D'Alema

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The European Parliament adopted, by 543 votes to 43 with 90 abstentions, a resolution on the request for waiver of the immunity of Massimo **D'ALEMA** (former Italian Member). The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Klaus-Heiner **LEHNE** (EPP-ED, DE) on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee.

To recall, a request for waiver of the immunity of Massimo D'Alema, forwarded by the Public Prosecution Service at the Court of Milan on 30 May 2008, was announced in plenary sitting on 16 June 2008. This involved the use in criminal proceedings of 'indirect' telephone conversations between an individual under investigation and the former Member of the European Parliament.

Having considered the arguments both in favour and against waiving immunity, Parliament decided not to authorise the use of the telephone intercepts in question and not to waive the immunity of Massimo D'Alema.