Request for waiver of the immunity of Antonio Di Pietro

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The European Parliament decided by 654 votes to 11, with 13 abstentions, not to waive Antonio Di Pietro’ s (a former Italian MEP) immunity.

Mr Di Pietro is pursued in Italy in the context of a civil procedure for defamation. Following the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee, Parliament considers that Mr Di Pietro was only expressing his opinion on matters of legitimate public interest in performance of his duty as an MEP and therefore his immunity should be defended.