

Request for the defence of parliamentary immunity of Gabriele Albertini

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The European Parliament decided not to defend the immunity and privileges of **Gabriele ALBERTINI (EPP, IT)**.

To recall, Gabriele Albertini was summoned before the Court of Milan on behalf of Alfredo Robledo in connection with statements made in interviews published in Italian newspapers when Gabriele Albertini was a Member of the European Parliament. According to the writ of summons, statements made in those interviews constitute libel, resulting in a claim for damages.

However, the facts of the case, as manifested in the writ of summons, do not have a direct and obvious connection with Gabriele Albertini's performance of his duties as a Member of the European Parliament. Parliament is in no way concerned by these facts. Therefore, the opinion expressed by Gabriele Albertini appears to be unrelated to his duties as a Member of the European Parliament and hardly capable of representing a direct link with a general interest of concern to citizens.

Parliament considers that Gabriele Albertini, in granting both interviews in question, was therefore not acting in the performance of his duties as a Member of the European Parliament.

As a result, it has decided **not to defend the parliamentary immunity of Gabriele Albertini**.