Request for the waiver of parliamentary immunity of Spyros Danellis

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The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of **Spyros DANELLIS** (S&D, EL).

To recall, Spyros Danellis is accused of falsely accusing a third party of an unlawful act with the intent of having him prosecuted for it, and of making false statements about a third party which could damage that party's reputation and good name, knowing such statements to be untrue. The said alleged false statements and accusations relate to the sale of the fruit of olive and other trees uprooted on expropriated land by a contractor carrying out public works in the context of the construction of a dam in the municipality of Hersonissos in the Prefecture of Iraklion, of which Spyros Danellis was mayor.

Parliament considers that the alleged actions do not constitute opinions expressed or votes cast in the performance of the duties of the Member of the European Parliament for the purposes of Article 8 of Protocol No 7 on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union and that the accusation manifestly bears no relation to Spyros Danellis' position as Member of the European Parliament, but to his former position as Mayor of Hersonissos.

Consequently, **Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Spyros Danellis**.