Request for the waiver of parliamentary immunity of Zbigniew Ziobro

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The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Zbigniew Ziobro (EFD, PL).

Parliament recalled that Poland requested the waiver of the parliamentary immunity of Zbigniew Ziobro in connection with legal action concerning an alleged criminal offence.

The request by the Public Prosecutor relates to an offence subject to private prosecution under the Polish Criminal Code, following a libel case in the context of an interview with the former Polish Minister for Agriculture Mr. Artur Balazs.

Given that the alleged offence **does not have a direct or obvious connection with Zbigniew Ziobro's performance of his duties as a Member of the European Parliament**, nor does it constitute an opinion expressed or a vote cast in the performance of his duties as a 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 **criminal proceedings brought against Zbigniew Ziobro bear no connection to his position as a Member of the European Parliament**, Members of the Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Zbigniew Ziobro.