Request for the defence of parliamentary immunity of Alexander Mirsky

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The European Parliament **decided to defend the immunity and privileges of Alexander MIRSKY (S&D, LV)**.

It should be recalled that Mr MIRSKY, a Member of the European Parliament, requested the defence of his parliamentary immunity in connection with civil proceedings pending before the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia following a speech he made to the European Parliament on 4 April 2011 concerning the closure of Russian-speaking schools in Latvia.

Given that the statements referred to in Mr MIRSKY's request by their nature, their context and their purpose, fall into the category of statements made by Members of the European Parliament at a plenary sitting and cannot but constitute opinions expressed '**in the performance of their duties'**, they are, therefore, fully covered by parliamentary immunity, in accordance with Article 8 of the Protocol, as the most typical case of parliamentary activity referred to in that provision. **The European Parliament therefore decided to defend the immunity and privileges of Alexander MIRSKY.**

Parliament also calls on the Commission to intervene with the Latvian authorities in order to enforce EU primary law - notably, Article 8 of Protocol No 7 on the privileges and immunities of the European Union - and, if necessary, to **initiate a Union law infringement procedure** under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should the Supreme Court confirm the judgment of the Riga District Court, given that the latter completely ignored the applicability of Article 8 of the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Union.