Request for the waiver of the immunity of Czesaw Adam Siekierski

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The Committee on Legal Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Heidi HAUTALA (Greens/EFA, FI) in which it recommended Parliament to waive the immunity of Czesaw Adam SIEKIERSKI (EPP, PL).

Members recalled that the Prosecutor-General of Poland forwarded to the President of Parliament a request made by the Polish General Inspectorate of Road Traffic to grant authorisation to take legal action against a Member of the European Parliament, Czesaw Adam Siekierski, in connection with a speeding offence. It is claimed that on 10 January 2015, while driving a car, Mr Siekierski failed to respect the speed limit in a built-up area by driving at a speed of 77 km/h while the speed limit in force was 50 km/h.

From the circumstances of the case it appears that the alleged offence and the ensuing prosecution clearly have nothing to do with the position of Czesaw Adam Siekierski as a Member of the European Parliament and that there is no evidence of *fumus persecutionis (*a sufficiently serious and precise suspicion that the matter is being brought before a court with the intention of causing political damage to the Member concerned).

Therefore, the committee on Legal Affairs recommended the European Parliament to waive the parliamentary immunity of Czesaw Adam Siekierski.