Request for the waiver of the immunity of Robert Jarosaw Iwaszkiewicz

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The Committee on Legal Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Kostas CHRYSOGONOS (GUE /NGL, EL) in which it recommended the European Parliament to waive the immunity of Robert Jarosaw IWASZKIEWICZ (EFD, PL).

Members recalled that the Prosecutor-General of the Republic of Poland forwarded a request from the Polish General Inspectorate of Road Traffic for waiver of the immunity of a Polish Member of the European Parliament, in connection with a speeding offence. The Polish General Inspectorate of Road Traffic claimed that on 7 September 2014, Mr Iwaszkiewicz failed to respect the speed limit in a built-up area – where a 50 km/h speed limit was therefore in force – by driving the aforementioned vehicle at a speed of 79 km/h, thus exceeding the speed limit by 29 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 Mr Iwaszkiewicz as a Member of the European Parliament and that there is no evidence of *fumus persecutionis* (that is to say, a sufficiently serious and precise suspicion that the request has been brought with the intention of causing political damage to the Member concerned). Therefore, the committee recommended the European Parliament to **waive the parliamentary immunity of Robert Jarosaw Iwaszkiewicz**.