

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, Robert Jarosaw Iwaszkiewicz, in connection with a speeding offence. The Polish General Inspectorate of Road Traffic claims that he was recorded by a speed camera travelling at 94 km/h in an area with a 60 km/h speed limit.

In connection with the above offence, a summons was sent to the owner (his wife) of the vehicle on 19 September 2014. The photograph clearly shows the face of Robert Iwaszkiewicz as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the offence.

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.**