Request for the waiver of the immunity of István Ujhelyi

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The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of István UJHELYI (S&D, HU).

Members recalled that the Central District Court of Pest (HU) requested the waiver of the parliamentary immunity of a Member of the European Parliament, István Ujhelyi, in connection with criminal proceedings for defamation of an individual during a programme broadcast by a Hungarian TV channel.

The statements in question were made on 25 April 2014, at a time when István Ujhelyi was not a Member of the European Parliament, but a Member of the National Parliament.

The charges against István Ujhelyi do not relate to an opinion expressed or vote cast by him in the performance of his duties as a Member of the European Parliament and the **absolute immunity in accordance with Article 8 of Protocol No 7 is therefore not applicable**.

Therefore, Parliament decided to **waive the immunity of István Ujhelyi**.