

The President

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Ms Inese VAIDERE
Member

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Dear Ms Vaidere,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 5 April 2016 regarding media information about a visit of a Parliament's delegation to the Yalta International Economic Forum taking place in Yalta, Crimea, from 14 to 16 April 2016.

First of all, I can ensure you that no official bodies of the Parliament, especially nor its Foreign Affairs Committee nor the concerned inter-parliamentary delegations, have been authorised to visit Crimea. I am however aware from press reports of individual initiative of two MEPs from Germany and Czech Republic to travel to Crimea.

I would like to make clear that such an initiative does not in any way bind or represent our Institution and contradicts the position that it has continuously asserted with regards to the illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia. In this respect, let me stress that the Parliament has expressed in a number of recent resolutions its severe condemnation of this annexation and its commitment to implement fully the EU policy of its non-recognition.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Schulz