

The President

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Ms. Virginie Joron
Member of
Parliament
European Parliament

Dear Member of
Parliament,

With reference to your letter of October 21, 2025, I would first like to reassure you that the European Parliament has never drawn up a blacklist of its members.

However, given that individual and unofficial participation by Members of the European Parliament in election observation activities may undermine the credibility and reputation of our institution, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that in 2018 the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) established a procedure providing for the possibility of excluding a parliamentarian from future official election observation activities organized by Parliament.

This procedure was debated within the DEG prior to its adoption, and all political groups, both their chairs and their secretariats, were informed of the conditions under which it could be applied. Following a referral by a Member of the European Parliament, this procedure was also validated by the Court of Justice of the EU on October 12, 2022, Order of the Vice-President C-544/22 P(R).

The procedure for exclusion from future official election observation activities applies for a fixed period and in a fully transparent manner, with the members concerned being informed by letter of the allegations against them and the decision of the Co-Chairs of the DEG.

I can confirm that, at present, there is nothing to prevent you from participating in the election observation delegations organized by the European Parliament.

I hope that this letter has addressed your concerns. Yours sincerely,



Roberta Metsola

cc: David McAllister and Barry Andrews, Co-Chairs of the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group