

Mr. Gianni Buquiccio
President of the Venice Commission

Subject : European Parliament ad-hoc delegation visit to Malta - mission report

Brussels, 27 April 2018

Dear Mr. Buquiccio,

As you may be aware, a European Parliament fact-finding mission was sent to Malta on 30 November - 1 December 2017 with Members from the Committees on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA).

The objective of the mission, composed of 7 Members of the European Parliament, was to meet the national authorities and the relevant stakeholders as a follow up of the resolution on the rule of law in Malta adopted by the Parliament on 15 November 2017, following the assassination of Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia.

As the Chair of the *ad hoc* Delegation, I hereby send you the Mission Report, which includes the main findings and recommendations to national authorities and EU institutions.

This mission report contains a series of key findings related to rule of law in Malta. As a follow up, I would express our appreciation for any information about existing or future action that the Venice Commission might take also as regards the situation in Malta. I would also express the availability, on behalf of the delegation Members, to meet with representatives of Venice Commission in order to have an exchange on the key findings and recommendations of this mission report.

The *ad hoc* Delegation is continuing its crucial and important work, particularly in view of recent serious and damning revelations by the journalist consortium "Daphne Project" about the criminal inquiry on the assassination of Ms. Caruana Galizia.

Looking forward to your reply and to our future cooperation.

Best regards,
Ana Gomes

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Chair of the *ad hoc* Delegation to Malta