

Der Vorsitzende - The Chairman - Le Président

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Dear President,

I would like to draw your kind attention to the unacceptable behaviour of a Non- Attached Member, Mr Ioannis Lagos, towards an EPP Group Member, Ms Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou.

During an exchange of emails occurred on 6 October 2020, notably on the trial of the Greek neo-Nazi Golden Dawn party prosecuted on charges of being a criminal organization, Mr Lagos publicly addressed Ms Asimakopoulou with insulting remarks based on the allegation of her involvement in what Mr Lagos defined a political “plot against the Members of Golden Dawn”.

Moreover, in his plenary speech on 5 October 2020, Mr Lagos dared to accuse the EPP Group speaker of making a “mockery of democracy” and called the former Greek Prime Minister, Antonis Samaras, “political scum” for his role in bringing the neo-Nazi party of Golden Dawn to justice.

These remarks exceeded the boundaries of responsible political discourse, both on a personal and on an institutional level. Furthermore, Mr Lagos’ behaviour is even more inappropriate in the light of the verdict announced on 7 October 2020 by the Athens Criminal Appeals Court, which condemned the Greek neo-Nazi party Golden Dawn of forming and running a criminal organization under the cloak of a political party.

The European Parliament has always been strongly committed in defending with determination democracy against fascism and this deplorable behaviour cannot be connected with the values of our House.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 175 of our Rules of Procedure, I ask you to take appropriate actions so that this deplorable behaviour would not repeat again.

Yours sincerely,  
Manfred Weber  
Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament

