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Inge Gräßle (EPP/DE):

OLAF/Dalligate: European Socialists against full transparency

Europe's Socialist MEPs today voted against the demand for full transparency of the Dalli case, against a broad majority of members who demanded the clarification of the circumstances of the resignation of the former EU Commissioner as well as any misconduct by the EU's anti-fraud office OLAF which led the investigation against Dalli.

The European Parliament noted that OLAF, according to information of the OLAF supervisory committee, was in breach of fundamental rights during its investigation. MEPs showed themselves "very concerned" about the way the investigation was conducted by OLAF, and noted that attempts had been made to obscure clarification of the allegations made against OLAF.

The EPP Group's coordinator in the budgetary control committee, Inge Gräßle MEP, reiterated her demand for a resignation of OLAF Director-General Kessler: "OLAF boss Kessler must draw the consequences and resign. If he clings on to his post, he damages the credibility of all EU institutions".

Gräßle called on European Parliament President Martin Schulz (S&D Group), and the other members of the Socialist S&D Group, which today voted against the demand for full clarification of the allegations, to help bring out the truth. "European Parliament president Martin Schulz must give all relevant documents relating to the Dalli case to the budgetary control committee. Every page must be made available".

"I regret that Europe's Socialists and Social Democrats obviously do not want to clarify the fundamental rights breaches by OLAF. Covering up the fundamental rights breaches criticised by OLAF's own supervisory committee however means disregarding EU law and deriding European values", Gräßle said.

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