



Brussels, 17th June 2019

Dear Bureau Members of the European Parliament,

Newly elected MEPs Carles Puigdemont, Antoni Comín and Oriol Junqueras, have been prevented from taking office as Members of the European Parliament by the Spanish authorities after the European election on 26th of May. The list led by Carles Puigdemont and Antoni Comín received 1.025.411 votes, and the list led by Oriol Junqueras received 1.257.484 votes.

On 14th of June 2019, elected MEP Oriol Junqueras –in pre-trial detention for 593 days for having organized the Catalan self-determination referendum in 2017– has been banned by the Spanish Supreme Court to leave the prison in order to take the MEP credential. Furthermore, on the 13th of June 2019, the Spanish Electoral Board imposed elected MEPs Carles Puigdemont and Antoni Comín –in exile since October 2017– to be personally in Madrid in order to take their seats as MEPs.

The decisions taken by the Spanish authorities banning newly elected MEPs from taking office and attending to the European Parliament's constitutive plenary session on the 2nd July 2019 are a clear violation of their political rights and a disregard of more than 2 million European citizens that voted for them.

These acts of the Spanish authorities attempt against the political rights of the MEP-elected Carles Puigdemont, Oriol Junqueras, Antoni Comín and more than 2 million European citizens that voted for them. An unacceptable breach of the Rules of Procedures of the European Parliament, the consolidated Treaties of the EU, the European Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

It is clear that the intention of these decisions are to prevent the concerned MEPs to be granted all the rights and freedoms as European representatives and, at the same time, to avoid any debate in the European Parliament that might put into question the judicial trial against the Catalan political and social leaders.

For all the above-mentioned reasons, we urge you:

- to recognise and protect the political rights of Carles Puigdemont, Oriol Junqueras and Antoni Comín and those of the 2.2 million people that voted for them;
- to call on the Spanish Electoral and Judiciary Authorities to respect the results of the European Elections and recognise and respect the right of the aforementioned elected MEPs to immunity and to hold office.

Yours sincerely,

1	MEP	Tim	Aker	EFDD	UK
2	MEP	Christian	Allard	Greens- EFA	Scotland
3	MEP	Martina	Anderson	GUE-NGL	Ireland
4	MEP	Rasmus	Andresen	Greens- EFA	Germany
5	MEP	Margrete	Auken	Greens- EFA	Danemark
6	MEP	Pernando	Barrena	Greens- EFA	Spain
7	MEP	Izaskun	Bilbao	ALDE	Spain
8	MEP	Manuel	Bompard	GUE-NGL	France
9	MEP	David	Borrelli	ALDE	Italy
10	MEP	Geert	Bourgeois	ECR	Belgium
11	MEP	José	Bové	Greens- EFA	France
12	MEP	Lynn	Boylan	GUE-NGL	Ireland
13	MEP	Damien	Carême	Greens- EFA	France
14	MEP	Matt	Carthy	GUE-NGL	Ireland
15	MEP	Ellie	Chowns	Greens- EFA	UK
16	MEP	Jakop	Dalunde	Greens- EFA	Sweden
17	MEP	Dennis	De Jong	GUE-NGL	Netherlands

18	MEP	Petra	De Sutter	Greens- EFA	Belgium
19	MEP	Karima	Delli	Greens- EFA	France
20	MEP	Mark	Demesmaeker	ECR	Belgium
21	MEP	Özlem	Demirel	GUE-NGL	Germany
22	MEP	Cornelias	Ernst	GUE-NGL	Germany
23	MEP	Jill	Evans	Greens- EFA	Wales
24	MEP	Daniel	Freund	Greens- EFA	Germany
25	MEP	Enrico	Gasbarra	SnD	Italy
26	MEP	Iveta	Grigule-Pēterse	ALDE	Latvia
27	MEP	José	Gusmão	GUE-NGL	Portugal
28	MEP	Ian	Hudghton	Greens- EFA	Scotland
29	MEP	Anneli	Jäätteenmäki	ALDE	Finland
30	MEP	Yannick	Jadot	Greens- EFA	France
31	MEP	Assita	Kanko	ECR	Belgium
32	MEP	Marcel	Kolaja	Greens- EFA	Czech Republic
33	MEP	Kateřina	Konečná	GUE-NGL	Czech republic
34	MEP	Patrick	Le Hyaric	GUE-NGL	France
35	MEP	Magid	Magid	Greens- EFA	UK
36	MEP	António	Marinho e Pinto	ALDE	Portugal
37	MEP	Marisa	Matías	GUE-NGL	Portugal
38	MEP	Aileen	McLeod	Greens- EFA	Scotland
39	MEP	Gesine	Meißner	ALDE	Germany
40	MEP	Tilly	Metz	Greens- EFA	Luxembourg

41	MEP	Martina	Michels	GUE-NGL	Germany
42	MEP	Luke	Ming Flanagan	GUE-NGL	Ireland
43	MEP	Ana	Miranda	Greens- EFA	Spain
44	MEP	Miroslavs	Mitrofanovs	Greens- EFA	Latvia
45	MEP	Liadh	Ní Riada	GUE-NGL	Ireland
46	MEP	Younous	Omarjee	GUE-NGL	France
47	MEP	Ralph	Packet	ECR	Belgium
48	MEP	Mikuláš	Peksa	Greens- EFA	Czech republic
49	MEP	Anne-Sophie	Pelletier	GUE-NGL	France
50	MEP	Manu	Pineda	GUE-NGL	Spain
51	MEP	Sira	Rego	GUE-NGL	Spain
52	MEP	Diana	Riba	Greens- EFA	Catalonia
53	MEP	Michèle	Rivasi	Greens- EFA	France
54	MEP	Maria Eugenia	Rodríguez Palop	GUE-NGL	Spain
55	MEP	Catherine	Rowett	Greens- EFA	UK
56	MEP	María Dolores	Sánchez Caldentey	GUE-NGL	Spain
57	MEP	Mounir	Satouri	Greens- EFA	France
58	MEP	Martin	Schirdewan	GUE-NGL	Germany
59	MEP	Helmut	Scholz	GUE-NGL	Germany
60	MEP	Molly	Scott Cato	Greens- EFA	UK
61	MEP	Alyn	Smith	Greens- EFA	Scotland
62	MEP	Jordi	Solé	Greens- EFA	Catalonia
63	MEP	Barbara	Spinelli	GUE-NGL	Italy

64	MEP	Bart	Staes	Greens- EFA	Belgium
65	MEP	Helga	Stevens	ECR	Belgium
66	MEP	Tineke	Strik	Greens- EFA	Netherlands
67	MEP	Josep-Maria	Terricabras	Greens- EFA	Catalonia
68	MEP	Yana	Toom	ALDE	Estonia
69	MEP	Estefania	Torres Martinez	GUE-NGL	Spain
70	MEP	Marie	Toussaint	Greens- EFA	France
71	MEP	Ramon	Tremosa	ALDE	Catalonia
72	MEP	Miguel	Urbán	GUE-NGL	Spain
73	MEP	Ernest	Urtasun	Greens- EFA	Catalonia
74	MEP	Ivo	Vajgl	ALDE	Slovenia
75	MEP	Bodil	Valero	Greens- EFA	Sweden
76	MEP	Anneleen	Van Bossuyt	ECR	Belgium
77	MEP	Johan	Van Overtveldt	ECR	Belgium
78	MEP	Marie-Pierre	Vieu	GUE-NGL	France
79	MEP	Idoia	Villanueva Ruiz	GUE-NGL	Spain
80	MEP	Nikolaj	Villumsen	GUE-NGL	Denmark
81	MEP	Steven	Woolfe	Non-attached Members	UK
82	MEP	Tatjana	Ždanoka	Greens- EFA	Latvia
83	MEP	Gabriele	Zimmer	GUE-NGL	Germany