



Brussels, 29th of May 2019

Member of the European Parliament

Dear Mr President,

On behalf of the Ciudadanos Europeos Delegation, in view of the electoral results in Spain, we express our utmost concern to the possibility of Mr Carles Puigdemont to present himself on the premises of the European Parliament in order to register himself and collect his accreditation badge as an elected Member of the European Parliament.

There is no need to remind you that Mr Puigdemont is still a runaway from Spanish justice, with a criminal case opened against him, and that in order for him to attain the status of Member of the European Parliament he must first and foremost comply with the national electoral legislation based on which he resulted elected in the first place. In this case, the legislation clearly requires him taking an oath or a pledge to the Spanish Constitution, in person, in the capital of the Member State in which he was elected: ironically, Madrid, Spain, the country against which he perpetrated a Coup against democracy and for which he refuses to answer in front of the justice system.

As already pointed out by the Legal Services of this House in April this year, Mr Puigdemont cannot and will not be granted immunity unless he complies with the national legislation – a *sine qua non* requirement of which is the pledge to the Constitution. It is up to Mr Puigdemont to decide whether or not he will comply with his requisite and the consequences thereafter.

As such, we request that you ensure, based on your prerogatives as President of this House, that Mr Puigdemont, as long as he is still fleeing from justice and does not take the necessary steps to comply with the national legislation for the verification of credential, not be allowed to register and obtain an access badge to the premises of the European Parliament.

We trust that you will understand the need to safeguard the image of the European Institutions as well as their integrity and independence, especially at times as challenging as these, with nationalism and populism on the rise. The need to fight for a stronger and more united Europe is more important than ever, and we cannot tolerate the abuse and misuse of our institutions by those who only wish to tarnish Europe and our common project.

Sincerely yours,

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