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**Subject: Allegations in the Danish press relating to the financing of activities by MELD in Denmark**

Dear President,

Allegations about misuse of EU funds by your party MELD have appeared recently in the Danish press.

In particular, I would refer to a boat trip in August 2013 dropping anchor in several Danish cities. It is alleged that this boat trip was paid by the MELD party, but effectively used by the *Dansk Folksparti*. The Danish press is quoting you as having said that the boat trip was used in connection with the local elections in Denmark taking place in November 2013.

The Bureau Decision of 29 March 2004, as last amended on 13 January 2014, laying down the procedures for implementing regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding provide in its article 10 ("Checks and audits") that the beneficiary shall keep at Parliament's disposal all the original documents relating to the grant award decision. "The period of retention terminates after five years from the date on which the balance of the amounts due is paid." The article also foresees that audits either by Parliament staff or other bodies can take place during this same period as well as during the lifetime of the grant award decision and that they shall be facilitated by the beneficiary.

Bearing this provision in mind, I invite you to clarify the funding and the activities that took place during the boat trip and to provide me with documentation which can serve to prove the course of events in relation to this expenditure of your party, such as invoices, programmes, announcements, photos, press releases, reports in the local press.

For the present year 2015, in particular two activities have been highlighted in the Danish press. Firstly, the *Dansk Folksparti* has uploaded at this moment on its website a video which claims to get people to vote NO in the upcoming Danish referendum on EU questions. This video indicates that it has been funded by MELD. Secondly, the *Dansk Folksparti* had published in April 2015 an advert on various websites in Denmark about foreign workers in

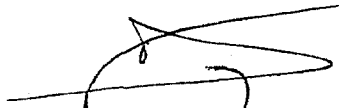
Denmark which allegedly was funded by MELD and FELD. As this advert featured you as well as the leader of the *Dansk Folksparti*, Kristian Thulesen Dahl, the link is made to the national Danish elections of June 2015.

In this context I would like to underline that Regulation 2004/2003 specifies in its Article 7(1) that the "funding of political parties at European level from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may not be used for the direct or indirect funding of other political parties, and in particular national parties or candidates." Article 8 stipulates that "such expenditure [expenditure of political parties at European level from appropriations received from the general budget of the European Union] shall not be used to finance referenda campaigns".

Therefore, I would request you to clarify the nature and the financing of those two activities of the MELD party undertaken in 2015. I would be grateful if you could also provide me with related evidence.

I would be grateful for your reply by 29 October 2015.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Didier KLETHI', written over a horizontal line.

Didier KLETHI

Copy: Mr Verbeke, Coordinator of the MELD party