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Der Generalsekretär

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Mr Morten MESSERSCHMIDT
President of MELD
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Subject: MELD party. (Mouvement pour l'Europe des libertés et de la démocratie).
Verification in accordance with Article 5(1) of the Regulation 2004/2003 -
compliance with the criteria defined in Article 3 par. 1 (b) of the Regulation
2004/2003

Dear Mr Messerschmidt,

The Administration of the European Parliament responsible for grant management has observed that MELD party has not filed a grant application for 2016. On the other hand, a new organisation, Alternative for Europe (AFE), submitted a grant application for 2016. The new organisation resembles MELD organisation to a large extent:

- 5 members of MELD party are now members of the new organisation
- the registered and office address of AFE is the office address of MELD
- the coordinator of MELD is now coordinator of AFE
- the President and Treasurer of MELD are the founding members of AFE

Therefore, firstly, you are kindly requested to **provide the membership situation 2015 of the MELD party from 15 July 2015 (date of the creation of AFE) onwards** for the purpose of verifying compliance with Article 3 par. 1 (b) of the Regulation 2004/2003, pursuant to Article 5(1) of this Regulation. This information must include the original membership forms, providing details on the Member and the date and duration of membership. In case of resignation of a Member, please submit also the relevant documents.

As you know, pursuant to Article 10 par. 1 of Regulation 2004/2003, for the application of the grant award provisions "*a Member of the European Parliament may be a member of only one political party at European level.*"

That means that if MELD no longer fulfils the criterion of being represented in at least seven Member States (Article 3 par. 1 (b)), the party (and at the same time the foundation) forfeits its status and shall be excluded from funding for the current year. (Article 5 par. 3 of Regulation 2004/2003).

Furthermore, it was noted that **two out of three founding members of AFE were MELD members** but were also notified by AECR as being their member with the grant application for 2016. They are: yourself: Mr Messerschmidt - still MELD party's President, and Mr Vistisen, MELD party's Treasurer in May 2015 when the accounts of MELD were submitted as part of the 2014 final report.

I conclude from the documents received that the new party AFE was founded on 15 July 2015. This act was published in the Moniteur Belge on 23 September 2015.

If the constitution of the new party had an impact on the membership structure of MELD, pursuant to Article 3 par. 1 (b), or its bodies, pursuant to Article 4 par. 3 and 2 (b), you are obliged to inform the European Parliament within two months from the date of the changes. You are herewith invited to provide the requested information within 10 calendar days from the date of reception of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Welle', written over a horizontal line.

Klaus WELLE

Copy: Mr Verbeke, Coordinator AFE, MELD