



**President Schulz asks Russian ambassador for explanations over denied MEP visit**

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MEP Gabrielius Landsbergis, EP Rapporteur for Russia, was scheduled to visit Moscow on 29-31 January, but Russian authorities prevented him from doing so. I have raised the issue with the Russian ambassador to the EU Vladimir Chizhov. I stressed to the Ambassador that banning such a mission is counterproductive and urged him to reconsider the decision, given the importance of the visit for both sides. [\(Read more\)](#)

**Statement by Martin Schulz on the swearing in of Alexis Tsipras as Prime Minister of Greece**

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On behalf of the European Parliament I would like to express my congratulations to Alexis Tsipras, the new Prime Minister of Greece. It is a historical victory for his party. The position in the European Parliament is clear. Mr Tsipras is the democratically elected Prime Minister of a member state of the European Union with a full right in that regard to be respected by the European institutions as a representative of the government of Greece. [\(Read more\)](#)

**Schulz on the rebels' attack against civilians in Mariupol**

Press Release - Brussels - 24-01-2015



Russia-backed rebels in Eastern Ukraine have been spreading terror and destruction among the civilian population in the regions affected by the conflict at an unprecedented scale. [\(Read more\)](#)

**Schulz on the resignation of the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano**

Press Release - Strasbourg - 14-01-2015



The resignation of Giorgio Napolitano today, at the very end of the Italian Council presidency, is a strong symbol of his unwavering Europeanism. Throughout his political career, and even more so during his presidency, President Napolitano has guaranteed stability, responsibility and guidance in Italy and Europe. His firm-hand in the midst of the Eurozone crisis and his decision to accept a second presidential mandate to overcome the deadlock in a divided Parliament, are just two examples of his leadership and selflessness. ([Read more](#))

### **[Solemn Declaration on the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz](#)**

Speeches - Strasbourg - 13-01-2015



70 years ago, on the 27th of January 1945, Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by Soviet troops. What the liberators saw shocked the world as a whole and continues to do so to this day. The heaps of corpses, the piles of shoes and human hair, the evidence of stolen lives, the thin, hungry survivors, the proximity of death has been stamped on the collective memory of humankind. ([Read more](#))

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