

Statement of the Conference of Presidents on the ongoing criminal investigations in corruption schemes involving Members and staff of the European Parliament

The Conference of Presidents is shocked and deeply concerned about the recent revelations on corruption and criminal influence in the decision-making processes in the European Parliament.

Everyone involved must be held accountable. Parliament will continue to fully support the work of the police and judiciary to ensure that justice is done.

There will be no business as usual. The European Parliament will initiate an internal reform process to ensure that transparency and accountability are reinforced and become watertight.

This begins today with the early termination of the office of the Vice-President involved.

It will continue with the reinforcement of Parliament's rules on access to its premises and meetings. We will also ensure that the funding of organisations and people with access to Parliament is fully disclosed and properly monitored.

We will not rest until full trust in our Institution is restored.

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