**European Parliament shows support for Hungarians' fundamental rights**

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**Intro**

*Strasbourg, 10th of June.* The European Parliament today adopted a resolution in support of the fundamental rights of Hungarian citizens that are enshrined in European law. The resolution, which came after statements by the Hungarian Prime Minister on the reintroduction of the death penalty and increased victimisation of migrants by his government, made clear that the European Parliament would not accept changes to Hungarian law that threatened core European values.

**Shotlist**

FRANCE, STRASBOURG (JUNE 10 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE VOTE ON THE SITUATION IN HUNGARY
3. CUTAWAY: BIRGIT SIPPEL TALKING TO A JOURNALIST
4. BIRGIT SIPPEL (S&D MEP, DE) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“Our resolution on Hungary is aiming at sending a signal that there are debates, running to the far right, that are not aloud in the European Union. It is not acceptable, for any politician in the European Union, to have debates on reintroducing death penalty. And it is not okay to put the questions of migration and terrorism into the same pot.”

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2. BIRGIT SIPPEL (S&D MEP, DE) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“I am afraid that Mr Orban believes we only want to push him down, but that is not true. What we are willing to do is to say: ‘yes there are problems is Hungary but we need to solve them together and we need Mr Orban to come back to the European Union, to come back to democratic principles and accept all the values that are in the treaties that he and his country signed’. ”

STRASBOURG, FRANCE (MAY 19, 2015) (EUROPEAN PARIAMENT AUDIOVISUAL - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAYS: VARIOUS OF THE ARRIVAL OF VIKTOR ORBAN AT THE PARLIAMENT OF STRASBOURG AND WELCOMED BY THE PRESIDENT MARTIN SCHULZ
2. CUTAWAY: LARGE SHOT OF THE HEMICYCLE
3. CUTAWAY: MARTIN SCHULZ PUTTING HIS HEADPHONES ON, VKTOR ORBAN STANDING UP
4. VIKTOR ORBAN (PRIME MINISTER OF HUNGARY) SAYING (HUNGARIAN):

“We Hungarians like to speak frankly, either we speak frankly or we don't speak at all, and we talk straight about death penalty and we talk straight about immigration.”

1. CUTAWAY: FRANS TIMMERMANS SMILING
2. FRANS TIMMERMANS (FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION) SAYING (ENGLISH):

"If the Hungarian government were to take steps to reintroduce the death penalty, let me underline that the Commission is ready to use immediately all the means at its disposal to ensure that Hungary, as well as any other Member State, complies with its obligations and the Union law and respects the values of the Union enshrined in Article 2. We will not hesitate one second in such a case."

1. CUTAWAY: LARGE SHOT OF THE HEMICYCLE
2. CUTAWAY: MARTIN SCHULZ TAKING OF HIS HEADPHONES

**Story**

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Speaking after the adoption of the resolution, Birgit Sippel S&D spokesperson for the committee on civil liberties, justice and home affairs, said:

"This resolution makes clear that we will not accept changes to any Member States' legal system that contravenes the values on which our Union is founded. The death penalty is incompatible with the very notion of what it is to be European. It is for this reason why we condemn the repeated statements by Viktor Orbán about instigating a debate on the re- establishment of the death penalty. Hungary is an important part of European Union and we want to make clear to the Hungarian population that this entitles them to inalienable rights that cannot be taken away at the whim of a desperate government"

"The resolution also strongly condemns the public consultation on migration and a country-wide billboard campaign that demonises and ostracises immigrants. We will not accept government sponsored attempts to whip up fear and hatred for political gain."

"Hungary is a beautiful country with a proud people, it deserves better than the cheap, ugly politics of recent months."

*Note for editors*

At the initiative of the S-D Group this Resolution calls on the Commission to come up with a legislative proposal for the establishment of an EU mechanism in democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights. The details of this mechanism will be discussed in the PSE Congress in Budapest. In addition, this resolution has mandated the LIBE Committee to draft a legislative own initiative report on the subject.

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