**Slovakian Prime Minister Fico met with S&D MEPs for clarifications**

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**Intro**

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* Interview with S&D President Gianni Pittella (natural soundbites, English)
* Interview with Slovakian Prime Minister Robert Fico (natural soundbites, English)

**Shotlist**

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1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE ARRIVAL OF ROBERT FICO AT THE S&D MEETING
3. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ITALIAN):

« I would like to thank Roberto Fico, the Slovakian republic's Prime Minister, for being here and for taking the opportunity of a hopefully constructive debate with our group on issues we have been discussing for a long time.”

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF ROBERT FICO DURING THE MEETING
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

 (Question of the journalist: “In one sentence what is your assessment on today’s meeting? ”) “It is a good start, not partial, not yet good enough. I also take into account that he doesn’t renounce until now to share the court on the decision of the European Council. And this is a bad thing. ”

1. CUTAWAY: GIANNI PITTELLA DURING THE MEETING
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

(Question of the journalist: Will you also want to suspend his membership of the party?) “This decision belongs to the party not to me. I called a meeting for the bureau and the delegation of my group and we, together, will decide which will be our suggestion to the PES. But the PES will have the final word.”

1. CUTAWAY: ROBERT FICO ANSWERING JOURNALISTS
2. ROBERT FICO (PRIME MINISTER OF SLOVAKIA) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“I explained several things. Members of the fraction had a lot of questions concerning my statements. I denied some of them, because it is not possible to communicate on the basis of quotations which aren’t true.“

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2. ROBERT FICO (PRIME MINISTER OF SLOVAKIA) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“At the same time I provided an overview of how Slovakia will deal with the migrants crisis. First of all we would like to concentrate on countries where problems with the migrants are the main issues. Then we would like to concentrate on Schengen boarders, and of course on how to integrate people in Slovakia.”

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**Story**

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The S&D President Gianni Pittella said that the discussion was a positive first step between Fico and the S&D Group but that more is still needed. Indeed, Fico did not renounce to his legal action at the European Court of Justice against the EU plan to relocate 120.000 asylum seekers. Robert Fico's situation should be clarified within the next days.

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