**« Pittella to Cameron: "We must fight to keep UK in but no discrimination against EU citizens »**

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**Intro**

*Strasbourg, 16th of February****.* Gianni Pittella**, the Leader of the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, met with UK Prime Minister **David Cameron** this morning to discuss the draft text regarding the UK's relationship with the European Union.

**This broadcast-quality video package (b-roll) contains:**

. 1 Video statement from S&D President Gianni Pittella (audio EN and audio IT + English subtitles)

. cutaways

**Shotlist**

BELGIUM, BRUSSELS (FEBRUARY 16, 2016) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF JOURNALISTS AND CAMERAMEN GETTING READY BEFORE GIANNI PITTELLA’S PRESS POINT
3. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“I met David Cameron. We had a very constructive and franc discussion and I ensured to him our full support to win the referendum and to keep the United Kingdom in the European Union. Our group, our British delegation, are committed to reach this goal. But I also expressed some concerns.”

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF PITTELLA ANSWERING JOURNALISTS
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ITALIAN):

“Our first concern is about the economic governance and the banking union. We cannot accept two different sets of union rules, one for the UK, and the City in particular, and one for the rest of the member states. We will only accept a common set of union rules with different specific provisions within a single rulebook for the banking union.”

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF PITTELLA ANSWERING JOURNALISTS
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ITALIAN):

“My second concern is about political integration and sovereignty. I told David Cameron that no one can force any country to participate in a process of political integration but at the same time it is unacceptable that any country can have veto power on further steps of political integration for the countries wishing to integrate further.”

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF PITTELLA ANSWERING JOURNALISTS
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ITALIAN):

“My third concern is about sanction on social benefits and free movement. On these points I appreciate Mr Cameron’s willingness not to discuss social rights and other matters related to social issues. But I voiced my concerns to him about the exportation of child benefits and the activation of the emergency break. I stressed that the European Parliament must be involved in all the decision-making processes with regard to these matters. The European Parliament has to be a full legislator on this matter and these potential future changes. “

1. CUTAWAY: A CAMERAMAN AND A JOURNALIST AFTER THE PRESS POINT

**Story**

**Gianni Pittella**, the Leader of the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, met with UK Prime Minister **David Cameron** this morning to discuss the draft text regarding the UK's relationship with the European Union.

Speak after the meeting. Gianni Pittella said:

"It was a very open and constructive discussion. On behalf of my group I expressed our sincere willingness to do our outmost to ensure the UK remains in the EU. Britain leaving would bring about very negative consequences first of all for British workers and business but also for the EU as a whole. It would set a dangerous precedent.

"At the same time, we must also not undermine European principles and values. I expressed our concerns especially on the social dimension; we cannot accept any kind of discrimination between European workers.

"On ever closer union, the agreement must not prevent those countries who wish to integrate further. On economic governance, we could not accept systematic derogation in favour of the City. We also must ensure that the emergency brake cannot turn into a tool to discriminate among EU citizens.

As I made it clear to Mr Cameron the EU Parliament is a crucial player and not a paper pusher.

We will fully play our role as co-legislator and carefully look through the whole implementation process of the final agreement."