



Dear President Schulz, ~~Macris~~,

I was disappointed to read your recent comments during an interview for Deutschlandfunk radio in which you referred to a Coup d'état in Poland.

Just a few weeks ago the Polish people elected a majority government for the first time since the Communist era. This was a free and fair election, not a coup.

The issues related to the Polish constitutional court have been characteristically misrepresented by international media, failing to take into account the actions taken by the previous government just before leaving office. I would have hoped that, before speaking, you would have taken the time to familiarise yourself with the facts.

During the past weekend we saw demonstrations in favour of the government, and against the government. These actions are fully consistent with Poland's respect for democratic and pluralistic values and respect for different points of view.

Whatever your personal views about the political party that has been elected in Poland, I very much hope that you will not demean the office of President of this Parliament by seeking to intervene in internal debates of a member state in such a sensationalist manner, especially without knowing the facts of the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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