

To the attention of Ms Alina Russu,

Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova

It has been brought to the attention of the European Parliament delegation to observe the Moldovan parliamentary elections of 24 February 2019 that the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova has accredited as international election observers, the following Members of the European Parliament:

- Mr. Nicolay Barekov,
- Ms. Barbara Kappel,
- Mr. Fulvio Martusciello,
- Mr. Laurentiu Rebeaga.

These Members were accredited on behalf of the local Moldovan civic association 'CREDO'.

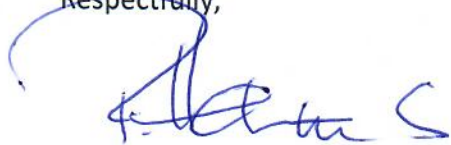
These Members are not part of the official delegation of the European Parliament which is observing these elections. Our official delegation was appointed by the European Parliament, following the invitation received by the Central Electoral Commission.

As Head of the European Parliament delegation to observe the parliamentary elections in Moldova, I am surprised by the decision of the Central Electoral Commission to accredit these persons, as such a decision could create serious confusion about the institutional position of the European Parliament on the forthcoming parliamentary elections. I would therefore be grateful if you could inform me of the reasons for such a decision and in what capacity these Members applied for their accreditation.

Please find enclosed the press statement issued today by the European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20190222IPR28409/ep-delegation-to-observe-parliamentary-elections-in-moldova>.

I also take the opportunity to inform you about article 34.2 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure that stipulates the following: *'Inter-groups, as well as other unofficial groupings, shall be fully transparent in their actions and shall not engage in any activities which might result in confusion with the official activities of Parliament or of its bodies. They may not organise events in third countries that coincide with a mission of an official Parliament body, including an official election observation delegation'*.

Respectfully,



Rebecca Harms,

Head of the European Parliament delegation to observe the Moldovan parliamentary elections.