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To: The Broadcasting Authority Chairman

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The European Parliament Office in Malta has been informed of a directive issued by the Broadcasting Authority (Directive 04/24).

The directive states in its 4th paragraph:

"4 (IV) Any reporting or any information from the European Parliament or any report which has to do with the President of the European Parliament needs to be reported with caution. Any such reports should focus on the news value of the story and whether the issue is a current and topical one."

In this regard, the European Parliament Office in Malta would like to request the immediate suspension of the Directive, to allow the Office in Malta to consult with the European Parliament Legal Service, in order to ensure that the rights of the institution in Malta are protected, as the Directive could impair the work of the media in covering the incoming European Elections.

It is of essence to ensure that all EU citizens are provided with information on the importance and the stakes of these elections to come and that the role of its President in liaising with EU citizens, in all Member States, is ensured.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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