Brussels, 26 April 2024

**To:**
Ms Roberta Metsola,
President of the European Parliament

**Subject: internal investigation into allegations against MEP Maximilian Krah**

Dear President,
Dear Roberta,

As you are well aware, on 16 April 2024, media reports circulated that the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had questioned German MEP Maximilian Krah, the lead candidate of Alternative for Germany (AfD) for the European elections and member of Parliament's Committee on International Trade and Subcommittee on Security and Defence, last December in New York over suspicions that he was receiving money from Kremlin agents. On 23 April 2024, press reports indicated that an assistant to Krah had been arrested on suspicions of spying for China, showing a pattern of cooperation with malign foreign actors seeking to undermine European democratic values and processes. On 24 April 2024, it was confirmed that the public prosecutor in Dresden had opened two preliminary investigations against Krah the previous week.

Our group and we are very concerned about these developments and have strongly supported the resolution on Russian interference that was adopted in plenary on 25 April, which calls upon the AfD to publicly declare its financial relations with the Kremlin without delay and to publicly disclose the purpose and exact amount of all payments originating from Kremlin-linked sources

We believe, however, that we need to indeed go further than this. We are therefore asking you to launch an internal investigation in order to establish whether any undue influence by representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies, has taken place, also with a view to Krah's access to confidential documents. In such a case, the Parliament will have to take appropriate measures. Our democracy must not be undermined, and we need to defend it by all means.

We remain at your disposal for any additional clarifications you may need.

Yours sincerely,

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