

Parliament's President's alleged failure to reply to emails concerning Morocco

Decision

Case 895/2020/PB - **Opened on** 20/07/2020 - **Decision on** 20/07/2020 - **Institution concerned** European Parliament (No maladministration found) |

Dear Mr X,

I write to inform you that, having obtained further clarifications on the matter, we are now in a position to provide you with the appropriate advice regarding your communications to the European Parliament's President.

We understand that, in writing to the President of the European Parliament, you essentially wanted to exercise your fundamental right to petition the European Parliament for political action.

Article 44 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights states that

“ Any citizen of the Union and any natural or legal person residing or having its registered office in a Member State has the right to petition the European Parliament.”

To give effect to this right, Parliament has a dedicated Committee on Petitions that is assisted by a secretariat. For the processing of petitions, Parliament has created a specific portal on its public website, which you find here:

<https://petiport.secure.europarl.europa.eu/petitions/en/home> [Link]

Please note that for a petition to be admissible, its subject matter should be within the competence of the European Union. In case of doubt, this is something that an initial request to the Citizens' enquiries service can help to clarify:

<https://www.secure.europarl.europa.eu/at-your-service/en/stay-informed/citizens-enquiries> [Link]

In general, the *Citizens' enquiries* service is also the appropriate contact point for requests for information to Parliament.



To avoid any future misunderstandings, I would also like to point out that the European Ombudsman does not enquire into Parliament's substantive assessments of petitions. This is because such assessments are part of Parliament's political work. As you are aware, the Ombudsman looks into administrative matters only.

I hope you will find the above clarifications and information useful, and thank you for having contacted the European Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

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