

The President

Mr Bendt BENDTSEN
Member
Altiero Spinelli 14E201
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Dear Mr Bendtsen,

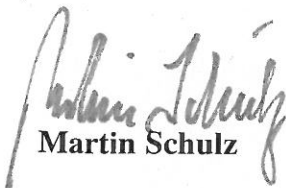
Thank you for your e-mail of 14 September 2015, in which you enquire about the decision of the Bureau concerning your request to organise an exhibition of the sculpture "The Children of Abraham" by Jens GALSCHIØT on the Agora Simone Veil / Esplanade 'Solidarność 1980'.

The Bureau carefully considered the matter at its meeting of 7 September 2015, the Vice-President responsible for the matter having expressed neither a positive nor a negative opinion in his communication to the President. Despite some sympathy expressed for the exhibition, Members of the Bureau voiced serious reservations, relating to the fact that Members had various possibilities to hold such exhibitions inside the House, subject to certain limitations, that the Esplanade should be mainly reserved for events as opposed to exhibitions, and that in light of recent experience on the Esplanade, which as you know is an open and publicly accessible space, it would not be possible to guarantee the integrity of the sculpture itself.

I regret, therefore, to inform you that, in the light of the above considerations, the Bureau decided to decline authorisation for this exhibition in the Agora Simone Veil / Esplanade 'Solidarność 1980'.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are other spaces located in the Parliament in Brussels and Strasbourg where exhibitions can be held. I copy Ms Bearder, Quaestor responsible for cultural and artistic events sponsored by Members, who would be able to assist you with, and consider, such a request.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Schulz

Cc.: Ms Catherine Bearder, Quaestor responsible for cultural and artistic events sponsored by Members