

Letter from MEP Bendt Bendtsen - June 16, 2015

Dear Honourable President of the European Parliament, Mr. Martin Schulz,

On the 23rd of February 2015 I applied for permission to host the exhibition "The Children of Abraham" by Jens Galschiøt on the Esplanade.

I have been informed that the discussion about the exhibition has been taken of the agenda of the Bureau meeting and postponed several times, latest on the 6th of July.

Since I think that this exhibition is very important for the public debate, and a very strong signal regarding freedom of speech for the European Parliament to send, I find this postponement very unfortunate.

Furthermore, the long processing time has huge economic consequences for the artist Jens Galschiøt, who is currently preparing the sculpture for the exhibition in the Parliament, and has reserved the exhibition for the whole autumn.

Therefore, I would ask for the reasons for the postponements of the discussion about "The Children of Abraham" at the Bureau meeting. At the same time, I will urge that this discussion is not postponed further, so we can get a clarification on the request.

If you have any questions for further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

MEP Bendt Bendtsen