

The President

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Dear Dr. Zver,

Thank you for your letter, received on 2 February 2016, and your proposal for the placing of a memorial plaque, on Parliament's premises, to the Slovenian victims of extra-judicial killings at the hands of communist forces in the aftermath of World War II.

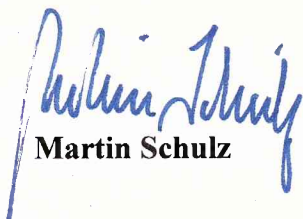
Since receiving your letter, I have received a number of others from various sources, including other Members of Parliament, the Association of Slovenian Deportees, the Association of Slovenian combatants and even Prime Minister Miroslav Cerar, all of whom raise objections to your proposal on historical and political grounds.

For the time being it does not seem sensible to embark on the kind of commemorative plaque you suggest without a broad majority support, at least amongst Slovenians. This does not seem to be the case.

The other commemorative plaque you refer to, concerning the Baltic countries, was accepted 10 years ago, shortly after the accession of these countries to the EU and was presented to my predecessor by the Baltic-Europe Intergroup in the European Parliament, thus based on a common accord.

Therefore I recommend you to work towards a broader consensus about the project and come back at any time with a revised project.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Schulz

Copy: Mr Manfred Weber, Chairman EPP Group