TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Hello,

I would like to use a minute of your time to comment on some issues connected with unacceptable E-Mails.

Since few months ago, there are people, whom I will not name, which are sending very angry E-Mails on the subject of guns control. Said messages are being sent to MEPs, European Commission members, different officials and us, Firearms United members. Those messages contain unacceptable and horrible statements and picture collages.

There are two things which I would like to state here.

First of all, Firearms United is not associated with the messages nor authors. We are law abiding citizens and we do not condone such methods to be used. Ever.

Second of all, such regretful happenings are however but a symptom of the unavoidable results of the projected outcome of the dossier.

When the European authorities put the political tantrums of the Commission and the pressures of the Member States to bypass their national democracy over the legitimate actions of their lawabiding Citizens, all that can be expected is a loss of faith and the rise of a sentiment of hostility that can very easily spiral out of control of even those very same organizations that are meant to give a voice to those motions, and results can be unforeseeable.

In my speech in Brussels I've already warned everybody against labeling us, law abiding citizens, as this is counterproductive. The next thing I've heard about us was a name "an aggressive gun lobby".

It is our hope that the Members of the European Parliament, the members of the European Commission and of the Council will realize that those E-Mails are just the tip of an iceberg of skepticism, mistrust and hostility that was bred by the relentless pursuit of restrictions towards lawabiding citizens in spite of all rules of common sense and lack of supporting evidence.

Something can still be done to turn the tide, and it can start with the outright rejection of the dossier or the removal of critical parts at IMCO and at the EP plenary in the coming months.

Best regards

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