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CC:
Oireachtas
Joint Committee on Justice

Vienna, 27. 4. 2020

Subject: Accusation of making incorrect or false statements

Dear Mrs Dixon,

In yesterday's hearing, you have repeatedly accused unnamed critics of using "complete inaccuracies", "superficial skimming of the surface of all of these criticisms" or otherwise inaccurate facts. While some comments were clearly aimed at opinions in my written submissions (like "*Kafkaesque*") the general perception may well be that you also accuse me of making false factual statements as a witness - which is a serious charge.

As in previous engagements with the European Parliament, these broad accusations seemed to be a strategy to generally undermining criticism of your office, but did not hold up when reviewed in detail. The recent [letter by the German DPA](#) in response to such allegations may serve as a good example.

I would therefore kindly ask you to clarify by 5 May 2021, if you take the view that any of my submissions or statements were factually incorrect – and if so, which specific statement was allegedly incorrect, as such accusations in a public forum cannot be taken lightly.

Obviously, I would be more than happy to correct any statements that you may identify as factually inaccurate to ensure that the Joint Committee is not misled in any way, shape or form.

Should your comments about inaccurate factual statements were solely aimed at other persons (e.g. the European Parliament, Dr Ryan and other DPAs – which in my understanding – were all explicitly accused by you of making false, misleading or inaccurate statements), I am sure the Committee would benefit from having this clarified.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Schrems".

Max Schrems
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