Subject: Concerns regarding suspension of MCC Brussels from EU Transparency Register

Dear President von der Leyen,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, write to you with grave concern regarding the abrupt suspension of the Transparency Register entry of MCC Brussels AISBL (681044352479-62). MCC Brussels is a respected conservative think tank that has delivered much-needed balance to the political debate in Brussels. Through its reports, podcasts, public events and conferences, it has provided a healthy challenge to the mainstream consensus in Brussels on a wide range of issues. Its work is regularly cited in the media and is well known to the European institutions, including this Parliament.

Attempts to sideline or delegitimise voices that question the prevailing orthodoxy are a direct threat to democratic pluralism and open debate in the EU. MCC Brussels has publicly stated that the suspension by the Transparency Register Secretariat (TRS) appears politically motivated and discriminatory. The circumstances justify serious concern and demand immediate answers.

After nearly 14 months of written exchanges, MCC Brussels was notified of its suspension at 16:50 on Friday 12 June 2026 — a timing that itself raises questions. The original complaint regarding late financial reporting was acknowledged by the TRS as unfounded. The investigation then shifted to the Single Representation Principle. MCC Brussels is a fully separate legal entity from the MCC Foundation in Hungary, from which it receives its sole funding. This structure is clearly declared in its register entry. The TRS has stated in correspondence that it is addressing similar questions with other organisations, including WWF, but to our knowledge no other organisations have suffered such suspensions.

The sudden suspension of an organisation that has operated transparently for years—seemingly without a solid justification—is neither reasonable nor proportionate. It strongly suggests selective treatment and risks setting a dangerous precedent for the suppression of dissenting voices.

We therefore request that you ensure that the Transparency Register Secretariat immediately:

- Provides a full written justification for the suspension, citing the specific provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement relied upon
- Clarifies how the Single Representation Principle is interpreted and applied, and confirms whether the same standards are enforced consistently across all organisations
- Discloses comparative information on other similar cases under review (including WWF), while respecting legitimate confidentiality
- Suspends enforcement of the decision and lifts its practical effects pending an independent review or appeal
- Opens an inquiry into whether political considerations, ideological opposition to MCC Brussels' policy positions, or external pressure influenced the decision, and demonstrates that the process was impartial and neutral
- Releases all relevant records of meetings, correspondence or communications between the Secretariat and external parties — including NGOs, transparency groups, Commission officials, MEPs or other political actors — concerning this case.

This episode raises fundamental doubts about whether the Transparency Register remains a neutral tool for transparency or has become a weapon to police political thought. The European Union must address this matter as a matter of urgency.

We call on you, Madame President, to intervene personally to protect pluralism and restore fairness in the functioning of the Transparency Register.

Yours sincerely,

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