



BELGIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE PRESIDENT

20 -09- 2018

Brussels,

Mrs. Stefanie SCHIFFER
Chair EPDE
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Dear Mrs Schiffer,

I duly received your letter of 31st August last regarding the participation, as an international election observer, of Mr. Filip Dewinter, member of the Belgian House of Representatives, in the presidential elections in the Russian Federation on 18th March 2018.

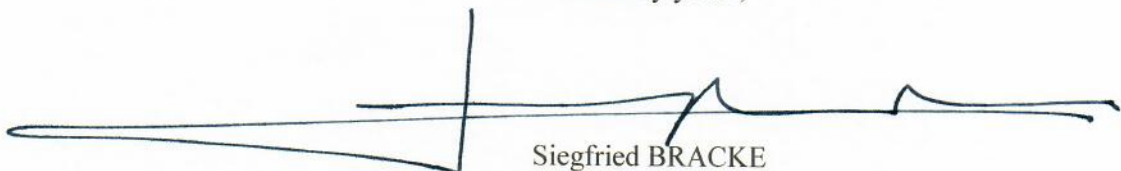
I can inform you that the Belgian House of Representatives sent two members as observers to the above-mentioned elections, namely Mrs. Rita Bellens and Mr. George Dallemagne.

As for Filip Dewinter, I can confirm that he did not inform the House about his intention to observe those presidential elections and subsequently on who organised and financed his observer mission in Russia.

Mr. Filip Dewinter went to Russia on his own initiative and the House of Representatives was – in no way – involved in this matter.

I seize this opportunity to thank you for sending me your interesting booklet on election observation. I will transmit it to the Chair of our delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mrs. Nahima Lanjri, with a copy of our exchange of correspondence.

Sincerely yours,



Siegfried BRACKE

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