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For the attention of the Editor-in-Chief of maszol.ro:

"I am writing to strongly deny claims made by your website in 2 articles published on 12 and 15 April 2013. Discussions about EPP-Fidesz relations were not, officially or unofficially, on the agenda of the Dubrovnik meeting.

The information in the maszol.ro article of 12 April 2013 regarding the so-called dinner in Dubrovnik on the future of Fidesz with Joseph Daul, Antonio López-Istúriz White and Viviane Reding, is totally unfounded. No such dinner took place. Antonio López-Istúriz White, Secretary-General of the EPP Party, was not even present in Dubrovnik at the EPP Group Bureau meeting.

The article dated today, 15 April 2013, is again totally unfounded. At the mentioned dinner, seven people were sitting at the same table and each of them can testify that the main topic of our discussion was Croatia, not Hungary.

I find the articles tendentious and totally unfounded. Your publication mentioned my name without making any effort to verify with me or my office if the information mentioned by your "trusted" source is true. More proof that the journalist who wrote the article did not check his facts before publishing the piece is that the Polish Law and Justice (PiS) Party was never a member of the EPP.

The role of the media is to provide correct information to the public. I am therefore asking you to publish this letter so that people can learn the true facts. I am counting on you to publish this letter in its entirety as I am publicly assuming responsibility for what I have written. If Mrs Reding or her advisers wish to say something on Hungary, they should also do so in writing."

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Daul