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*Dear Mrs. Samuelson  
Dear Mrs. Schlaug,*

*In your letter of 2nd September 1992 you quote from an interview I gave to the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter in which I commented on the outcome of the Danish referendum.*

*The consternation you expressed in your letter must be based on a misunderstanding, and I am only too glad to take this opportunity to clarify my point of view.*

*The Danish 'NO' had a majority of some ten thousand votes. Although a small majority, it was a clear decision of the Danish people, which by all democratic standards, has to be respected and cannot be questioned.*

*However, it was a decision of the Danish electorate exclusively for the Danish people. It should not influence other member states to take decisions concerning the fate of their own future by ratifying the Maastricht treaty in a positive way.*

*That is what I had in mind when giving the interview to Dagens Nyheter as a political viewpoint, which, in no way puts into question the democratic legitimacy of the Danish decision.*

*I hope that this letter helps to clarify my viewpoint.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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Dear Mr Klepsch,


It is with great perplexity and consternation that we have noted your statement in an interview in yesterday's issue of the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter concerning the Danish no-vote to the Maastricht treaty. You are quoted as saying that "a few thousand Danes cannot be allowed to decide the fate of the European Union and 380 million people," and that "this is a question of politics, not democracy."

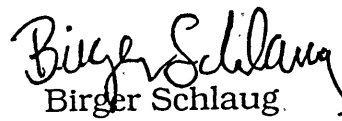
We are appalled that you, in your position as Speaker of the House of the European Parliament, are actually differentiating between democracy and politics as if they were two different things unrelated to each other.

Keeping in mind your position as Speaker of the only institution in the European Community administration that can claim any semblance of traditional western-style parliamentarism, we find your statement quite remarkable. We therefore ask you to clarify your position and explain to us what you mean.

We are looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,  
for Miljöpartiet de Gröna / the Green Party of Sweden

  
Marianne Samuelsson,  
spokesperson

  
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cc: Carl Bildt, prime minister  
Green Group in European Parliament

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