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To: The Co-Chairs of The Left Group, Ms. Manon Aubry & Mr. Martin Schirdewan

Cc: The Left Group

Attached: Letter to the Co-Chairs of The Left Group 'My expulsion from SYRIZA Delegation-Implications for The Left Group' (14.01.2026)

Subject: My decision to leave The Left Group

Dear Co-Chairs,

Following our meeting yesterday, during which I shared my views on the current conditions within our Group, I genuinely regret to inform you that I am leaving The Left. This also reflects my decision to join forces with the socialist PASOK party in Greece.

Leaving the Left Group has not been an easy decision. My appreciation for the Group remains unchanged. From day one, my work has been consistent and grounded in our shared values: social justice, equality, solidarity, peace, environmental protection, sustainable development, the protection of human and civil rights, and support for the non-privileged. The initiatives we undertook together, the debates we engaged in, and the battles we fought, both in Plenary and in Committees, have been a valuable political experience that I will carry with me.

I am sincerely grateful to fellow Members, to the Group's staff, and to the Accredited Parliamentary Assistants for their professionalism, trust, and collegial spirit throughout this journey.

However, while our common work has been meaningful and productive, it has not been entirely free of internal distractions. In recent months, I have personally experienced how certain (though isolated) behaviour, driven by individual domestic positioning, has affected the Group's cohesion. This is a development that should concern us all. The Left should be safeguarded from practices that risk undermining its democratic character and internal unity.

What concerns me most is not a personal disagreement by a colleague (who even went to unethically attack me and ask on national TV my resignation as an elected MEP) but a pattern of behaviour that falls short of meaningful parliamentary contribution while, at the same time, championing division over unity. Such behaviour -if remain unaddressed- may weaken collective impact and, ultimately, lead others to also reconsider their place within the Group.

Leaving the Group does not mean a departure from the ideals of the European progressive movement. On the contrary, I remain committed to them and will continue to support every effort towards a fairer, more democratic, and more humane Europe.

With respect and fraternal solidarity,



Prof. Nikolas Farantouris, MEP