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• **UKIP MEP Nigel Farage** was informed this afternoon by **Jerzy Buzek**, president of the European Parliament, that he had decided to fine him €3000 for his comments relating to Herman van Rompuy and Belgium.

The fine represents 10 days pay, and is the maximum allowable under the rules of the European Parliament. Mr Buzek imposed it after Mr Farage declined earlier today to apologise for his comments.

Mr Farage said, "Free speech in the European Parliament is very expensive. €3000 for a damp rag."

He announced that he intends to appeal against his sentence.

[Statement by Nigel Farage MEP](#) [Video]

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Nigel Farage vs. The President of the European Parliament

[Covering Letter to the Bureau of the European Parliament](#) (03.03.2010)

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