

*The Commission is following closely and with growing concern the ongoing developments in Romania. We, as well as other international partners and Member States, have repeatedly stressed, that the fight against corruption and ensuring an independent, professional judiciary is of paramount importance. This is also the core of the Commission's CVM reporting. It is crucial for Romania now to intensify efforts and avoid backtracking on past achievements*

*In this context we are closely following the judicial and criminal codes reforms in Romania. We take note that the criminal code reform has been passed by the Romanian Parliament. We will examine the final texts of the legislation for its compatibility with relevant EU law in the field of criminal justice and police cooperation and international standards. As the guardian of treaties we will not hesitate to take action where necessary to ensure such compatibility.*