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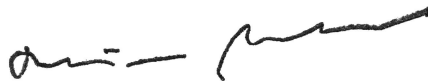
Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 2 June and its attachment. I have forwarded them to the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) for their information.

It is essential for the fulfilment of the requirements of the rule of law that the fundamental principles of the independence of judiciary be fully respected in the Council of Europe member states. I would like to reassure you that I continue to follow the situation relating to the status of judges and prosecutors in Turkey very closely.

In addition, and as you are already aware, on 13 April, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the Plan of Action entitled "Strengthening Judicial Independence and Impartiality" which represents an important commitment on the part of the Council of Europe to give the highest priority to working with member states to strengthen the independence and impartiality of the judiciaries throughout Europe.

Yours sincerely,



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