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Dear Mr. Igreja Matos,

I would like to thank you for the valuable contribution of the European Association of Judges to the first annual Rule of Law Report adopted by the Commission on 30 September 2020¹.

Your contribution has been very useful for the Commission's country-specific assessments. During the virtual country visits carried out in the context of the preparation of 2020 Rule of Law Report, we also met with a number of national judges' associations, which provided further valuable contributions to our work.

The Report is at the center of the new European Rule of Law Mechanism, which is a preventive tool, aimed at promoting the rule of law and preventing challenges from emerging or deteriorating. The Mechanism will in particular serve to launch a genuine debate at both European and national level on the situation of the rule of law in all the Member States. We count on the support of the European Association of Judges to such a debate.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Didier REYNDERS

¹ All information related to the 2020 Rule of Law Report is available on the Commission's website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/upholding-rule-law/rule-law/rule-law-mechanism/2020-rule-law-report_en.

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