



**European Council**  
**Cabinet of the President**

Brussels,  
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Honourable Members,

I would like to thank you for your detailed letter of 23 November setting out your concerns regarding recent events in Poland and your claims of continuous attacks against the independence of the judiciary.

I have taken good note of your position and concerns.

As you know, the European Union is intent on upholding the rule of law within the EU. It is doing this not only by means of its Article 7 procedures under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), but also on the basis of various infringement procedures initiated against Poland under Article 258 TFEU.

In addition, the EU is currently negotiating the Multiannual Financial Framework, a Recovery package as well as a conditionality regime linked to the disbursement of EU funds. I trust that, in the interest of the EU and all its Member States, an agreement on these matters will be found at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

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