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## ***Resolution on the Participation of Associations of Judges in Legislation concerning their Profession***

The Rule of Law is one of the common standards on which the European Union is founded (Art. 2 TEU). Therefore, if legal reforms touch upon the core issues of the professional status of judges and prosecutors – such as promotion, evaluation and disciplinary control –, we consider it to be the legal duty of any member state of the European Union formally to involve professional associations of judges and prosecutors in the legislative process. Failure to comply with these basic standards within a legislative process may thus be regarded a breach of the principle of the Rule of Law. This is all the more so as changes in the legal norms on the promotion and evaluation of judges, and even more their disciplinary control, may be a threat to judicial independence.

The EAJ calls upon the Government of the Hellenic Republic to ensure effectively and immediately that the associations of judges and prosecutors in Greece are involved without exception in any legislative process that concerns the judiciary in Greece, especially the professional status of judges and prosecutors.