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*Dear Mrs Boljevic, Mr Monetti and Mr Ilic,*

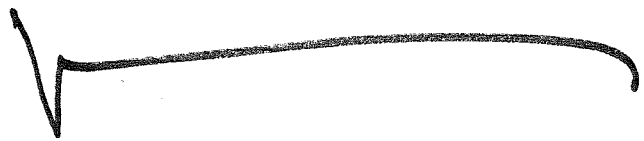
*Thank you for your letter of 7 February and the enclosed documentation, concerning the re-appointment of judges and prosecutors in Serbia.*

*The Commission is aware of the judicial reform process in Serbia, which is a key priority of the European Partnership and of the recent developments regarding the re-appointment of judges and prosecutors. In February, the Commission and experts from the European Union Member States, carried out a mission to assess the implementation of the re-appointment procedure.*

*The findings of the expert mission confirm that the re-appointment procedure showed important shortcomings regarding the composition and independence of the High Judicial Council and the State Prosecutorial Council, the application of objective criteria and the transparency and reliability of the overall process.*

*Myself, Mrs Vivian Reding, Vice-President and Member of the Commission responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship and Mr Štefan Füle, Member of the Commission responsible for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, have already raised these shortcomings with our Serbian counterparts in an unambiguous way and asked them to carry out a review of the procedure. The Commission will fully support this process and closely monitor future developments.*

*Yours sincerely,*



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