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Statement by the European Commission on Romania

Following a telephone conversation last night, the Romanian Prime Minister, Victor Ponta has given further written commitments on the eleven points of concern raised by the Commission on the rule of law and independence of the judiciary. These supplement the points made in the letter sent by the Prime Minister yesterday, 16th July.

These additional commitments mean that, if implemented as announced, all the requirements outlined by President Barroso in his meeting on the 12th July have been met, or will be met. Effective and speedy implementation will therefore be crucial. The Commission will continue to monitor the situation, also in the context of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism. The report on Romania that will be adopted by the College of Commissioners tomorrow will be updated accordingly.

