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## COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMISSION

### **Withdrawal of the reasoned proposal under Article 7(1) TEU procedure concerning Poland**

On 20 December 2017, the Commission adopted a reasoned proposal setting out, in accordance with Article 7(1) TEU, the concerns of the Commission with regard to the rule of law in Poland and inviting the Council to determine that there is a clear risk of a serious breach by Poland of the rule of law<sup>1</sup>.

On 6 May 2024, the College authorised a letter and an information note for Vice-President Věra Jourová to send, on behalf of the Commission, to the Presidency of the Council<sup>2</sup>. The information note set out the Commission's assessment that there is no longer a clear risk of a serious breach of the rule of law by Poland within the meaning of Article 7(1) TEU and explained that it therefore intended to withdraw its reasoned proposal. This information was also shared with the European Parliament on the same day.

The Vice-President's letter invited the Council to make any observations it deemed appropriate. On 21 May 2024, the General Affairs Council discussed the situation of the rule of law in Poland in the context of the Article 7(1) TEU procedure. The Commission presented its assessment and confirmed its intention to withdraw its reasoned proposal of December 2017. The General Affairs Council discussed the Commission's assessment and the steps taken by Poland, taking note of the Commission's intention to withdraw its reasoned proposal<sup>3</sup>.

The Commission is invited to follow up its previous decision and withdraw the reasoned proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2017) 835 final.

<sup>2</sup> C(2024) 3010

<sup>3</sup> [General Affairs Council - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](https://consilium.europa.eu)