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Dear Minister Bolaños, dear Minister Llop,

The situation of the Council for the Judiciary is a long-standing issue that raises serious concerns and for which the Commission has called for solutions on multiple occasions. Firstly, there has been no progress on its renewal in spite of the urgency and, secondly, no steps have been taken to adapt the appointment procedure of its judges-members taking into account European standards. The Commission must reiterate its call on all parties involved to implement the recommendations made in the 2022 and 2023 Rule of Law Reports.

Following the parliamentary elections in Spain, I am therefore writing to you to insist on the need to prioritise the situation of the Council for the Judiciary and address it without delay.

Furthermore, additional serious concerns are now being voiced as regards ongoing discussions on the possible adoption of an amnesty law. While for the time being there is no formal proposal, this has become a matter of considerable importance in the public debate and the Commission has been contacted on this matter, including by a large number of citizens.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide me with more detailed information, notably as regards the personal, material and temporal scope of this envisaged law.

The Commission remains committed to monitoring and upholding the fundamental values of the Union in all Member States and will continue to work with the Spanish authorities to ensure respect for the rule of law.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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