

**Question for written answer E-001608/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Article 7 proceedings against Poland

For years proceedings under Article 7 have been ongoing against Poland on the grounds of alleged deficits in its application of the rule of law. In May 2024 the decision was taken to close the proceedings, even though Donald Tusk's new government is yet to take a single institutional reform and is itself committing serious violations of the rule of law.

1. On what grounds were the proceedings against Poland ended if there has been no immediate change in the legal status quo?
2. Can the hypothesis that the decision to discontinue the proceedings is motivated by party politics in favour of Poland's current ruling parties be ruled out?
3. Can the Commission envisage the risk that citizens' trust in the EU would be eroded if the Commission ceases closing Article 7 proceedings upon the adoption of specific reforms, but rather issues a clean bill of health on the basis of mere statements?

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