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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Concern regarding the judicial reform launched by the outgoing President of Mexico

Mexico's President López Obrador recently managed to push through a controversial judicial reform that is provoking street protests because of the attack on the rule of law and on the separation of powers in the country that this reform entails.

The reform constitutes a serious attack on the independence of Mexico's judiciary, as it seeks to centralise power and reduce existing balances in order to have greater government control over the judiciary and limit the autonomy of judges.

The new proposal for the election of judges that is being enacted contravenes fundamental democratic standards by including a direct selection process for judges and lowering the criteria required for appointment as a judge, seriously casting doubt on legal certainty in the country and the independence of judges.

In light of the above:

1. What is the opinion of the Vice-President / High Representative regarding the proposal for judicial reform put forward by López Obrador?
2. Does the Vice-President / High Representative consider this reform to be a further attack on the separation of powers and on the rule of law in Mexico?
3. Does the Vice-President / High Representative believe that the Mexican leaders of the MORENA party, such as López Obrador or Claudia Sheinbaum, may be taking a dangerously anti-democratic path?

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