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to the Commission**

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Subject: Compatibility of Italy's draft security law with the principles of the rule of law and fundamental rights in the EU

The adoption of Italy's draft law titled 'Provisions on public security'¹ gives rise to concerns² about the erosion of the principles of the rule of law and fundamental rights laid down by the EU.

The new rules provide for strict measures, such as restrictions on freedom of demonstration and freedom of assembly, which appear to run counter to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (CFREU)³, in particular, Article 11 thereof, and potentially Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), which protect democratic freedom and rights.

The adoption of legislation of that kind in a founding Member State of the EU raises questions about its adherence to shared standards of democracy and legality as outlined in Article 7 TEU.

In light of the above, will the Commission:

1. assess the conformity of draft law 1160 with the CFREU and the TEU in relation to its potential impact on the rule of law?
2. monitor the recent security provisions adopted in Italy, ensuring that they are in line with the EU Treaties and with the fundamental principles of freedom, security and justice?
3. state what corrective measures could be considered if it is found that the legislation has been breached and to prevent further digression from the principles of the rule of law in Italy?

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¹ On 18 September 2024, the Chamber of Deputies adopted the Government's draft law titled 'Provisions on public security, protection of service staff and victims of usury and prison systems' (Atto Camera (AC) 1660-A).

² <https://www.antigone.it/upload2/uploads/docs/versione%20italiana.docx.pdf>
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³ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union