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to the Commission
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Subject: Recent judgment of the European Court of Human Rights regarding the systematic practice of pushbacks in Greece

In its judgment of 7 January 2025 in the case of *A.R.E.* v *Greece*[1], the ECtHR unanimously found a violation of Articles 3 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights on account of the applicant's pushback to Türkiye. The ECtHR took into consideration the large number of official reports from national and international institutions, which detail a standard practice of pushbacks in Greece, as well as complaints and testimonies received. The significant number, variety and concordance of the relevant sources led the ECtHR to find that there was a systematic practice of pushbacks by the Greek authorities.

1. What concrete implications will the Commission draw from this ECtHR judgment, both for its engagement with the Greek authorities directly and in relation to Frontex support being provided to the Greek authorities?

2. Considering the ECtHR's findings on the systematic nature of pushback practices, will the Commission launch infringement proceedings against Greece based on the prohibition of refoulement, as laid down in Article 78(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 18 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the EU asylum and Schengen acquis?

3. If not, how does the Commission justify the lack of enforcement action against such a well-documented, and now also ECtHR-confirmed, systematic pushback practice?

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[1] European Court of Human Rights, case of *A.R.E.* v *Greece* (application no 15783/21), https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/#{%22itemid%22:[%22001-238636%22]}.