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Subject: Access to text messages between President von der Leyen and the CEO of Pfizer

During the pandemic, the Commission signed a mammoth purchase agreement with Pfizer for 1.8 billion doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Reports have emerged that some of the negotiations took place via messages exchanged directly between Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and the pharmaceutical company CEO.

A formal request to access these messages, filed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, was denied by the Commission. Following this refusal, the New York Times brought an action before the General Court of the European Union, which, in a judgment of 14 May 2025, annulled the Commission's decision.

In line with the principles of justice, clarity and transparency, people have a right to know how public money is used.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to follow up on the judgment and enable access to the requested messages?
2. Will the Commission publish the full transcript of the messages exchanged between President von der Leyen and the CEO of Pfizer in the period in question?
3. What measures has it taken or does it intend to take to ensure that relevant institutional communications can be traced?

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