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Subject: Electoral integrity in Albania

The 2025 Albanian parliamentary elections appeared competitive on the surface, yet they revealed a continued misuse of public resources by the ruling parties, along with structural advantages for larger parties and inadequate conditions for smaller candidates.

The roll-out of biometric voting and diaspora voting was a step forward, but exposed technical and logistical shortcomings that risk undermining trust in future elections. The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights' (OSCE/ODIHR) recommendations and repeated concerns over media independence remain partly unaddressed.

1. What steps will the Commission take to ensure genuinely equal campaign conditions, prevent the misuse of state resources and safeguard fair competition?
2. How will the Commission support Albania in enhancing secure voting technologies and improving administrative readiness for reliable diaspora voting?
3. What specific measures will the Commission deploy to guarantee that the OSCE/ODIHR's recommendations are fully implemented, and that media pluralism is protected in future electoral cycles?

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