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to the Commission**

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Subject: Suspending or postponing the European Media Freedom Act

The European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) entered into force on 7 May 2024, during the previous parliamentary term – at a time when the co-legislators were in the grip of an almost compulsive obsession with regulation.

Articles 14 to 17 of the EMFA, which relate in particular to the cooperation of national regulators, have been applicable since 8 May 2025, and some Member States still do not have functional regulators. The other provisions of the EMFA have been applicable since 8 August 2025, with the exception of Article 20.

Apart from the legitimate reluctance of some Member States to set up a national regulator, there are many arguments in favour of postponing or suspending the EMFA: the need to simplify and streamline standards; concerns about upholding pluralism of the press; fears about the development of censorship within the EU; and so on.

With that in mind, is the Commission willing to suspend, or at the very least postpone, the application of the EMFA?

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