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to the Commission
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Subject: Fines, infringements and financial charges for Greece due to incomplete implementation of the European *acquis*

Over the last six years (2019-2025) Greece has faced serious financial penalties, infringement procedures, financial corrections and repayments of funds due to insufficient implementation of European law. By way of illustration, following an investigation by the European Public Prosecutor's Office into the issues surrounding OPEKEPE, the European Commission imposed a fine of EUR 415 million, while recent cases of fraud and smuggling are estimated to have cost the EU and the Greek State more than EUR 250 million.

These events raise serious questions about the overall fiscal cost resulting from the late or incorrect implementation of the EU *acquis*, as well as the effectiveness of monitoring mechanisms.

In the absence of aggregated data reflecting the actual cost, can the Commission say:

1. What is the total amount paid or owed by Greece for the 2019-2025 period on account of financial corrections, fines, infringement proceedings, repayments of funds and court decisions linked to the inadequate implementation of the European *acquis*?

2. What initiatives is the Commission taking to boost transparency, prevention and accountability so that Greek taxpayers do not continue to bear these costs?

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