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to the Commission
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Subject: Environmental, security and debt-risk concerns relating to the Budapest Airport rail link, road expansion and concession package

Hungary is preparing a multi-billion euro concession for the Budapest Airport rail link, a new airport terminal and an associated high-speed road connection. Civil society organisations report that both the rail and road components are being fast-tracked under ‘national economic importance’, with the tender for the new road connection already published, while no updated environmental impact assessment has been carried out despite the annulment of the airport’s previous permit by the Hungarian Supreme Court. It is concerning that such high-impact infrastructure projects are progressing without assessing cumulative environmental effects, alternatives or compatibility with the Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Directives.

The opaque concession model also raises fiscal, governance and security concerns. Reports indicate that potential non-EU contractors or lenders may become involved in the Budapest Airport development package, which could undermine EU efforts to safeguard critical infrastructure from foreign influence.

In the light of these reports:

1. Is the Commission assessing the environmental compliance of the full airport development package, including the rail and road links and their cumulative climate impacts?
2. Has it evaluated the concession’s fiscal, corruption-related and foreign-influence risks?
3. Will it request detailed information from Hungary or launch a preliminary assessment to ensure full compliance with EU environmental, procurement and security obligations?

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