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Subject: Serious authoritarian measures in Hungary

In recent months, Péter Magyar's government has introduced several measures that severely restrict fundamental democratic rights. Through a constitutional amendment with retroactive effect, a limit on the number of terms that MPs may serve has been introduced – a move unprecedented in Europe – with the result that more than half of the opposition MPs are barred from standing as candidates in the elections[1]. The servers of the largest opposition party were seized in an unlawful operation by the public prosecutor's office[2]. Prior to any decision taken by the judiciary authorities, Péter Magyar announced in advance on social media that opposition politicians were to be arrested. The judiciary has come under government influence[3].

1. Does the Commission consider that the cases referred to above are compatible with the provisions of Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) concerning democracy, equality, the rule of law, pluralism and non-discrimination?

2. Does the Commission consider that the Prime Minister's actions concerning the judiciary are compatible with the provisions regarding the rule of law and the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, enshrined in Articles 2 and 19 TEU and Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?

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[1] https://euobserver.com/224315/hungarys-magyar-moves-to-sideline-senior-fidesz-mps-with-12year-term-limit-74-days-after-election/.
[2] https://brusselssignal.eu/2026/07/hungarian-prosecutors-seize-orban-partys-servers-in-unannounced-raid/.
[3] https://www.facebook.com/100000733720126/posts/29145975151676889/?rdid=2195cwQ6Xt7iYL7i#.