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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission monitors the situation of media freedom and pluralism in all Member States in its annual Rule of Law Reports¹. It takes into account the 2021 Recommendation on the Safety of Journalists² which recommended Member States to ensure that public authorities create transparent, fair and non-discriminatory conditions for journalists regarding access to press conferences and documents.

The Rule of Law Report is prepared in continuous dialogue with the 27 Member States and is based on a transparent methodology, developed in consultation with the Member States in full respect of the principles of equal treatment, impartiality and objectivity. It relies on a broad variety of sources.

As regards the country chapter for Poland of the 2023 Rule of Law Report³, to which the Honourable Member refers, it briefly and factually mentions concerns raised about the case of Pablo González under the pillar of media freedom, without taking a position. For more details, the Commission refers the Honourable Member to its answers to parliamentary questions E-001534/2024, E-001545/2024 and E-003062/2024.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/upholding-rule-law/rule-law/annual-rule-law-cycle/2024-rule-law-report_en

² <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/redirection/document/79357>

³ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/b576c76e-0755-4690-9266-7895c4294433_en?filename=48_1_52627_coun_chap_poland_en.pdf