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The Commission does not have competence on matters related to foreign funding of national political parties possibly circumventing national legislation, such as those raised by the Honourable Member, which are for Member States to investigate.

In its Recommendation on inclusive and resilient elections, adopted as part of the 2023 Defence of Democracy package, the Commission encouraged Member States, among others, to minimise the risk of interference from third countries in the activities of political parties, including by promoting transparency of the funding of political parties, and limiting or otherwise prohibiting donations and other funding for political parties from third countries and entities based in third countries, in full respect of the principle of proportionality, democratic values and fundamental rights.