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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of its confidentiality obligations in the context of infringement procedures and takes them very seriously.

As the Honourable Member Mr. González Casares has publicly acknowledged in the press article referred to by the Honourable Member Mr. Vázquez Lázara, the Commission met with him upon his request on 17 July 2024. At the start of that meeting, the Commission stressed that details of infringement procedures are, by definition, confidential, to preserve the trust between the Commission and the Member State with a view to find a solution. Consequently, no specific elements about the infringement procedure, concerning the extension of motorway concessions AP-9 and AP-66¹ were disclosed during this meeting beyond those that have been made public through the press material issued by the Commission at the time of the decisions taken on this file. As required, the Commission provided general explanation about the objective, organisation, steps and usual length of infringement procedures and pointed out that it is in principle for the Member State concerned to put forward possible solutions to respond to the grievances raised by the Commission and to remedy the infringement.

¹ INFR(2021)4052: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/EN/INF_21_4681;
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_1941