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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The measure referred to by the Honourable Member has been announced as part of the Spanish action plan but has not been adopted yet and, therefore, the Commission is not in a position to assess it. Also, the Commission would not assess individual political statements.

Member States have a primary responsibility to monitor the application of the European Media Freedom Act¹ and to take the necessary steps for enforcement. In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission will continue monitoring the situation on the independence of media and journalists and may decide to take appropriate action including, where appropriate, infringement proceedings. It will continue assessing all relevant developments related to media freedom and pluralism in all Member States, including Spain, under the annual Rule of Law Report².

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401083

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/upholding-rule-law/rule-law/annual-rule-law-cycle_en