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The Commission places great importance on ensuring that all EU Member States uphold rule of law. It has various instruments at its disposal to actively promote and protect the rule of law, as part of its rule of law toolbox. This includes monitoring through the annual Rule of Law Report and in the context of the European Semester, as well as the possibility to initiate infringement procedures when necessary. Further, the Conditionality Regulation¹ applies in case of breaches of the principles of the rule of law, which affect or seriously risk affecting the sound financial management of the Union budget or the protection of the financial interests of the EU in a sufficiently direct way. The Commission also provides technical and financial assistance to the Member States to support judicial reforms, ultimately boosting the rule of law.

The Commission does not comment on the role of the Senate in the Spanish constitutional system, which is a matter of Spanish law.

In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission remains committed to taking necessary measures to ensure compliance with EU law in all Member States and will continue to work with the Spanish authorities to promote the rule of law.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092.