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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
(16.10.2026)

The Commission has learned from an article in the Belgian newspaper *Le Vif* of 13 April 2023¹ that a Belgian citizen has filed a criminal complaint with a *juge d'instruction* in Liège against the President of the Commission. A subsequent article in the same newspaper, dated 14 July 2023, quotes a spokesperson of the European Public Prosecutor Office (EPPO) as saying that the EPPO had registered the criminal complaint and was in contact with the Belgian authorities².

The procedure concluded with a judgment by the Court of Appeal of Liège of 20 January 2025, by which the Court of Appeal declared inadmissible the criminal complaint. The Belgian Court of Cassation confirmed the inadmissibility of the criminal complaint by judgment of 22 October 2025.

The Commission has no comment on the remark of the European Chief Prosecutor to which the Honourable Member refers. The Commission does not comment on allegedly ongoing judicial proceedings against other institutions or bodies.

¹ <https://www.levif.be/international/union-europeenne/une-plainte-penale-en-belgique-contre-ursula-von-der-leyen-dans-laffaire-des-sms-avec-pfizer-info-le-vif/>.

² <https://www.levif.be/international/union-europeenne/le-parquet-europeen-sempare-enfin-de-la-plainte-belge-contre-von-der-leyen/>.