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**Priority question for written answer P-000798/25
to the Commission
Auke Zijlstra (PfE)
(20 February 2025)**

Subject: Moldovan legislature's worrying attack on the rule of law and its impact on European aid to Moldova

On 19 February 2025, the head of Moldova's Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office submitted her resignation to the Prosecutor-General. She cites as the reason for her resignation the bill proposing the abolition of the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, which she says would weaken Moldova's ability to hold those in power accountable for breaking the law. She voices concern at the Moldovan legislature's undermining of the rule of law, and believes it will have serious implications for her country's European future.

1. How does the Commission view these worrying initiatives on the part of the Moldovan legislature regarding the abolition of the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office?
2. What implications does this development have for the Reform and Growth Facility for Moldova and EU accession talks with the country?
3. Does the Commission share the view of Mr Victor Negrescu — rapporteur for the Reform and Growth Facility for Moldova — that the reservations expressed, among others, by the Committee on Budgetary Control in the opinion on the Facility for Moldova about the need for strict control of the use of funds in Moldova are 'unfounded'?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
(3 July 2025)**

The Commission is aware of the head of Moldova's Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office's resignation and of the draft law to merge the current specialised prosecutor's offices on anti-corruption and organised crime in a new Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime Prosecution Office.

Ensuring effective institutional arrangements and capacity for the fight against corruption and organised crime is essential, and delivering a track record of results in this field is a requirement in the EU accession process.

Moldovan authorities are advised to ensure the compliance with European standards of any new arrangement they put in place. To this end, the Commission is working with the Moldovan authorities to strengthen the rule of law and fight against corruption and organised crime.

The Commission will continue to closely monitor developments in Moldova. The progress of Moldova in rule of law will continue to be reflected in the Commission's annual reporting as part of the enlargement process.

The Reform and Growth Facility ⁽¹⁾ for Moldova includes a strong focus on audit and controls systems and the Commission will carefully assess the situation and ensure that requirements in this respect are met before taking any decisions regarding the disbursement of the financial support, in line with the agreed conditions.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2025/535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 March 2025 establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/535/oj/eng>.