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Subject: Situation of tax judges in Italy

In Italy, tax judges have an exclusive judicial function on tax matters, but do not receive appropriate remuneration, nor do they benefit from social security and/or disability entitlements. They are also denied the prerogatives conferred by case-law upon employees (Court of Justice of the European Union, C-270/13) and ordinary judges.

This constitutes an infringement of Decision No 102/2013 of the European Committee of Social Rights on social security rights, as well as Communication DG EMPL/B2/DA, under which the Commission announced the opening of infringement proceedings in respect of the Italian provision governing honorary judges and thus, a priori, also tax judges, with inequalities regarding the stability of employment, equal remuneration and equal social security benefits (Directives 1999/70/EC, 2000/78/EC, 2003/88/EC and 2000/34/EC).

In view of the above, what steps is the Commission considering taking to ensure that:

1. Italy regularises the employment conditions for tax judges and pays what is owed in terms of social security and disability entitlements?

2. the employment conditions of Italian tax judges are governed in accordance with European rules?