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Answer given by Ms Jourová
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is following closely the functioning of the Slovenian justice system in the framework of the European Semester. The latest Country Report for Slovenia assessed particularly certain aspects of quality, efficiency and independence of Slovenian courts, the Council for the Judiciary and the Prosecution Service¹.

In the Commission's understanding, the case to which the Honourable Members refer to recently ended in re-trial with an acquittal, with the prosecutor subsequently announcing an appeal.

As regards the judge's statements that he experienced inappropriate pressure in relation to the mentioned trial, the Commission understands from publicly available information that the President of the Court where the judge sits addressed the situation.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/2019-european-semester-country-report-slovenia_en.pdf, p. 41.