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to the Commission**

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Subject: Combating corruption - the Commission's delays

In 2011 the Commission submitted an anti-corruption package containing a set of measures through which to combat corruption. These included a regular anti-corruption report, the promotion of high anti-corruption standards and EU participation in the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO).

Taking note of the recent decision by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, which accepted the EU's request to become a GRECO observer, can the Commission say, within the bounds of its remit:

- 1) why it has stopped submitting, since 2016, the EU anti-corruption report, which was a useful tool to supplement the recommendations to the Member States in the context of the European Semester;
- 2) why, despite Parliament's insistence and the promised commitment to effectively fight all forms of corruption, it has not deemed it necessary to draw up a genuine joint anti-corruption strategy, that is not limited to sporadic intervention, but taking into consideration the resolution on the fight against corruption and the follow-up given to the CRIM committee's resolution;
- 3) what it intends to do, specifically, to relaunch EU action against corruption, in synergy with the Council of Europe, especially in its organised crime manifestations?