

**Amendment 2**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutytė, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Mureşan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skyttedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolors Montserrat, Magdalena Adamowicz, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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Report on the Commission's 2023 Rule of Law report (2023/2113(INI))

**Motion for a resolution****Recital E a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

***Ea. whereas parliamentary elections took place in Poland in October 2023, ending the rule of the Law and Justice-led government; whereas the new government, representing a broad democratic coalition, made strong commitments to restore the rule of law and judicial independence in Poland and is cooperating to this end with the Commission and the Council of the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 2***Motion for a resolution*

2. Notes that the Commission finds wide disparities between EU Member States in terms of judicial independence and safeguards; notes that the report mentions a number of positive initiatives and ongoing developments concerning the Councils for the Judiciary, notably in Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Italy, Sweden, Finland and Hungary<sup>36</sup>; notes that the Commission finds that concerns on the Councils for the Judiciary still have to be addressed in Poland, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Spain and Cyprus; notes, with concern, that disciplinary

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<sup>36</sup> Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Fundamental deficiencies of the Hungarian judicial reform, 31 October 2023.

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<sup>36</sup> Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Fundamental deficiencies of the Hungarian judicial reform, 31 October 2023.

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutytė, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Mureşan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skyttedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolors Montserrat, Loucas Fourlas, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 11 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

***11a. Welcomes the fact that Greece has made progress on four out of five recommendations included in the Commission's 2022 Rule of Law Report, and has continued to strengthen the rule of law and media freedom through the digitalisation of justice, anti-corruption reforms, measures strengthening the transparency of media ownership and allocation of state advertising, the strengthening of the media-regulating authority, as well as improving the working environment for journalists, as also reflected in Greece's rapidly***

*improving scores in rankings tracking  
quality of democracy worldwide;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutyte, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Murešan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skytvedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolors Montserrat, Loucas Fourlas, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 11 b (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

**11b. Stresses that despite its recent resolution of 7 February 2024 on the rule of law and media freedom in Greece<sup>1a</sup>, the country ranks among the top 20 democracies in the world according to the 2023 Democracy Index published on 15 February 2024; notes that Greece achieved a total score of 8.14 out of 10 in the index, indicating that 'Greece was upgraded to "full democracy" moving five places up the global rankings to 20th position' and that 'Greece scores top marks (ten out ten) for electoral process and pluralism, an achievement shared by**

*only a dozen others' while it 'has a solid score for civil liberties (8.82)';*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2024)0069.*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutytė, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Mureşan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skyttedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolors Montserrat, Loucas Fourlas, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 11 c (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

***11c. Underlines that Greece's Supreme Court, with a strong majority of 49 to 13, issued a direct response to the European Parliament resolution of 7 February 2024 on the rule of law and media freedom in Greece, arguing that the resolution was based on 'vague and unsubstantiated allegations' and constituted 'direct interference in the work of the Greek judicial authorities';***

Or. en



**Amendment 7**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 11 d (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

***11d. Condemns the fact that Maltese Bill No 55/2023 allows Malta to refuse to recognise and/or enforce any foreign court judgments and/or decisions against Maltese gaming companies, disregarding other EU Member States and the rights of their respective citizens and residents; stresses the importance of safeguarding the rule of law in the European Union and respecting the binding principles of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of***

*judgments in civil and commercial matters (Brussels I Recast Regulation)<sup>1b</sup>, which automatically applies to all Member States; notes with concern that this bill sets a dangerous precedent and is in violation and disregard of the Brussels I Recast Regulation; calls on the Commission to take measures with regard to Malta;*

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<sup>1b</sup> OJ L 351, 20.12.2012, p. 1.

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutytė, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Murešan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skyttedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolores Montserrat, Magdalena Adamowicz, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. Acknowledges the important role of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in safeguarding the rule of law and in combating corruption in the Union, and encourages the Commission to closely monitor Member States' level of cooperation with the EPPO in subsequent reports; calls on the Member States that have not yet done so to join the EPPO; considers that membership of the EPPO should be a precondition for receiving EU funds; reiterates its call for an expansion of the mandate of the EPPO;

*Amendment*

18. Acknowledges the important role of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in safeguarding the rule of law and in combating corruption in the Union, and encourages the Commission to closely monitor Member States' level of cooperation with the EPPO in subsequent reports; calls on the Member States that have not yet done so to join the EPPO; **welcomes that fact that Poland has initiated the procedure to join the EPPO, which demonstrates the new government's strong commitment to protecting the EU's financial interests**

*and to effectively fighting against corruption;* considers that membership of the EPPO should be a precondition for receiving EU funds; reiterates its call for an expansion of the mandate of the EPPO;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutytė, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Murešan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skytvedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolors Montserrat, Magdalena Adamowicz, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 27***Motion for a resolution*

27. Notes that the Commission finds that media regulators are insufficiently protected by safeguards against undue political influence, such as in Hungary, Slovenia and Poland, and that the authorities lack resources, particularly in Greece and Romania; calls on the Commission to take all the necessary measures to ensure the effective implementation of Article 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive<sup>40</sup>, stipulating the requirement of safeguards for the independence of national regulatory authorities;

*Amendment*

27. Notes that the Commission finds that media regulators are insufficiently protected by safeguards against undue political influence, such as in Hungary, Slovenia and, ***until recently***, Poland ***under the previous government led by the Law and Justice Party***, and that the authorities lack resources, particularly in Greece and Romania; calls on the Commission to take all the necessary measures to ensure the effective implementation of Article 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive<sup>40</sup>, stipulating the requirement of safeguards for the independence of national

regulatory authorities;

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<sup>40</sup> Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2010 on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services (Audiovisual Media Services Directive), OJ L 95, 15.4.2010, p. 1.

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Jeroen Lenaers, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Henna Virkkunen, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Maria Spyraiki, Aušra Seibutytė, Michaela Šojdrová, Jan Olbrycht, Janina Ochojska, Jarosław Duda, Krzysztof Brejza, Jarosław Kalinowski, Tomasz Frankowski, Sandra Kalniete, Dennis Radtke, Andrius Kubilius, Riho Terras, Siegfried Mureşan, Rasa Juknevičienė, Radan Kanev, Emil Radev, Asim Ademov, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Andrey Novakov, Sabine Verheyen, Andrzej Halicki, Seán Kelly, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Christine Schneider, Vladimír Bilčík, Martine Kemp, Petri Sarvamaa, Hildegard Bentele, Peter Liese, Wolfram Pirchner, Sirpa Pietikäinen, José Manuel Fernandes, Tom Berendsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, David McAllister, Andrey Kovatchev, Antonius Manders, Andreas Schwab, Franc Bogovič, Ljudmila Novak, Milan Zver, Herbert Dorfmann, Lena Düpont, Danuta Maria Hübner, Željana Zovko, Angelika Niebler, Norbert Lins, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomas Tobé, Paulo Rangel, Sara Skyttedal, David Lega, Janusz Lewandowski, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Vasile Blaga, Jürgen Warborn, Arba Kokalari, Daniel Caspary, Christian Doleschal, Monika Hohlmeier, Rainer Wieland, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Vangelis Meimarakis, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Markus Ferber, Dolors Montserrat, Magdalena Adamowicz, Gabriel Mato, Anja Haga, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Karlo Ressler, Sunčana Glavak, Eleni Stavrou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Pernille Weiss**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 28***Motion for a resolution*

28. Stresses the importance of the editorial independence of public service media and the duty of all Member States to respect this; stresses the need to establish safeguards against internal and external interferences; considers that public service media should be shielded against political pressures, including undue dismissals, and that safeguards should be put in place to guarantee that editorial decisions can be taken freely; notes that the Commission finds that Luxembourg, Slovenia, Germany, Estonia, Slovakia and Czechia have taken initiatives to strengthen the

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legal safeguards or budgetary means to improve the independence of national public service broadcasters, with Cyprus, Ireland and Sweden also discussing reforms, and an absence of measures to that effect in Romania, Malta, **Poland** and Hungary; notes that the most recent Media Pluralism Monitor rated the risk to editorial autonomy and political independence in Malta as ‘high’, and re-evaluated the overall risk to media pluralism in Malta, changing it from ‘medium’ to ‘high’;

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**Amendment 11**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 34***Motion for a resolution*

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*media professionals, raising awareness, as well as monitoring the safety of journalists which the task force has initiated in line with Commission Recommendation (EU) 2021/1534 of 16 September*

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<sup>1c</sup> *OJ L 331, 20.9.2021, p. 8.*

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