

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0123/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Independence of Austrian judges

Having regard to the critical conclusions of the report by the 'Three Wise Men' on the independence of the Austrian judiciary, and having regard to the democratic criteria laid down in Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union, what action will the European Union take following the open letter signed by more than two thirds of Austrian judges and prosecutors affirming that judicial independence and the separation of powers are threatened when blatant political pressure is applied to current investigations?