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Subject: New law on culture in Hungary

On 11 December 2019, the Hungarian Parliament adopted a new law on culture, one provision of which is that national funding for cultural institutions will in future be conditional on the government having a say in appointments to senior positions.

1. Is the Commission aware of this new law? Is it investigating the possible impact of the law on the freedom of expression and artistic freedom in Hungary?

2. Does the Commission consider the new law to be in breach of Article 11 (Freedom of expression and information) and Article 13 (Freedom of the arts and sciences) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?

3. Will the Commission take action if it finds the new law on culture to be in breach of, or to restrict, fundamental rights? If so, what kind of action will it take?