EU services have followed the trial against Mrs Áñez closely, not least through regular contacts with the mission of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which has observed the proceedings from day one.

In its preliminary findings, the OHCHR has pointed to a number of shortcomings of the trial. In his statement of 19 June 2022 the High Representative/Vice-President’s spokesperson made reference to these, and offered EU assistance in addressing the structural deficiencies of the Bolivian justice system.

An EU programme to support justice reform in Bolivia is ongoing; moreover, the EU Multianual Indicative Programme 2021-2027 for bilateral cooperation Bolivia provides the possibility for additional support.

Mrs Áñez has chosen to appeal the 10 June 2022 judgment. The EU and its Member States will continue to monitor the further proceedings closely.

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