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Subject: Investigation into Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi

In its 2022 resolution on the 2021 Commission report on Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)¹, Parliament expresses concerns about allegations regarding the role of the Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, Olivér Várhelyi, in the establishment of a roadmap agreed between the Commissioner and the Bosnian Serb Member of the BiH Presidency on the withdrawal of Republika Srpska from several key BiH state institutions, following the conclusions adopted by the Republika Srpska National Assembly on 10 December 2021. It calls for the Commission to assess the recent actions of the Commissioner in this light, pointing to the obligations of integrity, discretion and independence established in the Code of Conduct for Members of the Commission.

- 1. Will the Commission heed this call of a majority in Parliament and launch an investigation into Commissioner Várhelyi? If so, in what time frame, and will it share results, if needed in a confidential manner, with Parliament and Council?
- 2. If not, why is it disregarding Parliament's position?

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¹ European Parliament resolution of 6 July 2022 on the 2021 Commission report on Bosnia and Herzegovina (Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0283).