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Dear Ms. Boljević,

Thank you for your letter of 1 August 2011 to Commissioner Füle and Director Mirel concerning the review of the re-appointment procedure. Commissioner Füle and Director Mirel asked me to reply to your letter.

As you rightly point out, the European Commission in its 2010 Progress Report on Serbia identified shortcomings in the re-appointment procedure. As these also concerned newly appointed as well as re-appointed judges and prosecutors, the legislative amendments from December 2010 envisage a review of these groups, too. Due to the special protection of permanent tenure, the review of re-appointed judges will have to be strictly limited. The European Commission will monitor the preparation of the relevant guidelines by the two competent Councils and provide support where needed.

Best regards,

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