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*Dear Ms Boljević,*

*Thank you for your letter dated 25 July 2011.*

*The European Commission is closely monitoring the developments related to judicial reform in Serbia, and in particular the reappointment process of all judges and prosecutors. The way the reappointment process is carried out represents an important issue for a positive European Commission Opinion on Serbia's EU membership application, as it was underlined in the 2010 Progress report.*

*In order to monitor closely this process, European Commission officials have regularly participated in expert missions and meetings with the Serbian authorities as well as the judges and prosecutors' associations. Furthermore, several experts ("EU monitors") have been appointed in Belgrade in order to follow up this process and report to us.*

*Thank you very much for the information you shared with us, which is indeed relevant for our assessment in view of the release of the European Commission's opinion. We value that you continue sharing this kind of information with the Commission as well as with the appointed EU monitors and with our Delegation in Belgrade.*

*The Commission's Opinion on Serbia's EU membership application will be released in October 2011.*

*Yours sincerely,*



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