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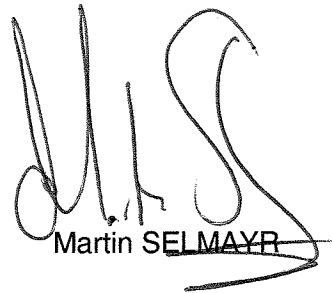
Dear Professor Pivniceru,

European Commission Vice-President Viviane Reding read your open letter dated 3 September with great interest and asked me to reply on her behalf. We agree with you that further steps towards establishing a coherent, predictable and unified jurisprudence are of key importance for the Romanian judiciary.

You state that the initiative of the Romanian magistrates could be an important step in establishing the desired unitary legal practice. In the Technical Update accompanying the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism, the Commission highlighted the law project of the High Court of Cassation and Justice and supported by the Superior Council of the Magistracy and considered that it could serve as a good starting point to achieve a proactive and comprehensive system to promote a stable and unified jurisprudence.

As a result, the recommendations contained in the report proposed to the Romanian authorities that they “consider implementing other measures proposed by the High Court in a draft law to improve legal unification”. We are closely following the progress made by the government, the legislator and the judiciary. The Commission will report on progress in the next interim report under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism at the beginning of 2011.

Yours sincerely,



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