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Dear Ursula,

As I will be missing College on 1st June, I wanted to inform you about my position regarding the adoption of the National Recovery Plan for Poland.

Whilst I fully support the adoption of the Plan with the strong Rule of Law milestones included, I wanted to stress that I expect us to be very diligent when it comes to assessing in the next steps whether these valuable milestones are indeed met. Otherwise, I see our credibility in this exercise at risk.

Allow me also to underline how important it is to be very clear in our communication on the adoption of the National Plan this week to avoid any misunderstanding. It could otherwise be seen as signaling that the reform law adopted last week in the Lower Chamber of the Parliament in Poland already fulfills the milestone.

We should stay out of the internal political debates in Poland, but we need to be clear about our red lines, i.e. no disbursement of any money unless the reform law coming out of the parliamentary process in Poland fully complies with the milestone.

Let me also reassure you that I will continue working on the other Rule of Law matters related to Poland which have not been addresses in this National Plan.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Ursula von der Leyen President of the European Commission