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Dear Mr Práznovszky,

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2012 addressed to President Barroso in which you protest against the legal actions decided by the Commission on 17 January 2012 concerning Hungarian legislation. I am replying on his behalf.

The decision of the Commission reflects its responsibility as guardian of the Treaties and is part of its sustained and determined effort to ensure the full respect of EU law by all Member States¹.

The Commission has the highest regard for the Hungarian people, their history, their culture, and their record of fighting a totalitarian regime. At the plenary session of the European Parliament in January 2012, President Barroso called on the Hungarian Government to clearly demonstrate its commitment to the principles of democracy, freedom and rule of law. It is only through a legally stable environment, based on the rule of law, democratic principles and fundamental rights, that the confidence of citizens, of partners and investors can be gained and upheld².

Yours sincerely,

Emmanuel Crabit

¹ More information available on the following links:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/24&format=HTML&aged=0&language=FR&guiL.language=fr>

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/222>

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/165&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiL.language=en>

² <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/16>.