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Dear Lord Roper,

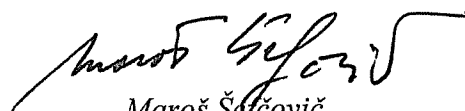
The Commission welcomes the detailed report prepared by the House of Lords on the workload of the Court of Justice of the European Union. This Report indeed comes at a very appropriate moment. The Court of Justice has recently proposed important modifications to both its Statute and its Rules of Procedure. These texts are currently being discussed by the competent institutions. In particular, the Commission will in the near future deliver an opinion on the Court's proposal regarding the Statute of the Court of Justice.

You will understand that the Commission cannot anticipate what will be its final position on this issue. However I can indeed confirm that the Commission shares your concerns as regards the General Court's workload. In this respect, we consider that the recent proposal of the Court to increase the number of judges in the General Court is the most effective answer to the current situation.

Thank you once again for your Chamber's efforts in producing this very valuable report.

I am looking forward to further developing our dialogue on this and other issues.

Yours sincerely,


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