

*Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)*

(ex Article 226 of the Treaty establishing the European Community - TEC)

If the Commission considers that a Member State has failed to fulfil an obligation under the Treaties, it shall deliver a reasoned opinion on the matter after giving the State concerned the opportunity to submit its observations.

If the State concerned does not comply with the opinion within the period laid down by the Commission, the latter may bring the matter before the Court of Justice of the European Union.