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Ms Marta Kos
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Dear Commissioner,

Dear Marta Kos,

Recently, I have received a letter from Ms Jorida Tabaku, Member of the Albanian Parliament and Co-Chair of the National Council of European Integration of Albania.

In her letter, Ms Tabaku describes serious shortcomings within the Albanian parliamentary system. According to her account, the Albanian opposition, civil society and the wider public are all largely excluded from central information flows regarding the EU accession prospect of the country.

Ms Tabaku emphasises that she is most concerned about the neither timely nor comprehensive way, in which the government shares legislative proposals, and the general lack of consultation with the Albanian Parliament. Further she claims that the Albanian Council of Ministers is not fulfilling its obligation of regularly informing the national Parliament on the progress of the accession negotiations, the use of EU funds, and the implementation of integration-related reforms.

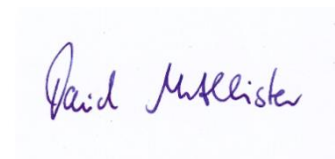
Ms Tabaku concludes that those dynamics not only result in a limited public debate on enlargement, but also a general restriction of the Albanian Parliament's role as a constitutional oversight and democratic control. She is concerned that the on-going developments might lead to an executive-driven integration process, which excludes the opposition and therefore puts basic democratic mechanisms in question. Based on her letter, I would like to inquire on the following questions:

1. What is the European Commission's assessment of the current cooperation between the government and the parliamentary opposition in Albania?
2. How can the European Commission guarantee that the Albanian opposition is able to perform its fundamental rights and can serve its purpose as a control institution?

I trust that you are monitoring the state of Albanian democracy very closely. As a "frontrunner" it of utmost importance that the accession process of Albania follows the fundamental logic of being a merit-based process with the highest standard of integrity. Any deviation from this approach holds the risk of harming and undermining the credibility of the European Union's path to accession.

With this in mind, I would like to thank you for your continued commitment to the European Union's enlargement processes.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David McAllister". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light blue rectangular box.

David McAllister MEP

Attachment:

- Letter of Ms Jorida Tabaku (30 April 2026)