



To the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia
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Dear Prime Minister Janša,

In your press conference with European Parliament President David Sassoli, on 26 May 2021, you have stated that a decision on the nomination of the Slovenian European Delegated Prosecutors will be taken on 27 May 2021 by your government.

The Slovenian press refers to a statement by the Slovenian General State Prosecutor, Mr Drago Šketa that “both proposed candidates for European Delegated Prosecutors meet all the conditions set out in the call and the law, and that the procedure was carried out legally and correctly”, while other press articles mentioned a draft Government decision which would cancel the nominations, on procedural grounds

As Members of the European Parliament, we are concerned with this state of play a few days before the start of operations of the EPPO. We would like to highlight that it seems difficult to understand why a decision of cancelling the selection procedure for the Slovenian European Delegated Prosecutors is issued almost six months after the finalisation of that procedure. In light of the EPPO exclusive competence over crimes affecting the EU financial interests above a certain threshold, the absence of delegated prosecutors to investigate cases would seriously impair the fight against fraud to EU money in your country.

In light of the upcoming start of the Slovenian presidency, we would like to encourage you to ensure that the decision you take shows the commitment of your government to the principle of judicial independence, respect for the rule of law and the protection of the EU’s financial interests.

Yours faithfully,

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