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The Head of Delegation

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Thank you very much for your letter of 18 May. I understand that for years you have been fighting to find your child and I can only imagine how painful it must be.

I am also familiar with the decision of the European Court of Human Rights on missing babies, which you mention in your letter, and I am aware that Serbian authorities have still to comply with the ruling.

The Delegation of the European Union is strongly advocating the reform of the justice system in Serbia and is monitoring closely respect for human rights and freedoms. These are among the key priorities and most important challenges in Serbia's accession negotiations, which started in January this year.

While we have no mandate to intervene in individual cases, we will continue to follow and monitor developments, and through our annual Progress Report we will again assess the situation and advise on issues which need to be addressed. In this respect lack of enforcement of ECHR rulings is most certainly a matter of concern.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the information you have provided, which is very useful to us. I can assure you that it will be pursued in our further dialogue with the Serbian authorities.

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