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## **STATEMENT ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF JUDGES IN SLOVENIA**

The Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) notes with concern the current situation in the Republic of Slovenia regarding the fundamental principles of judicial independence and the Rule of law.

The Constitutional Court of Slovenia ruled on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 (U-I 772/2021), that the regulations on judges' salaries disregarded the Constitution, as the level of salaries was so low that it violated judicial independence and the separation of powers. The Court set accordingly a six-month deadline to remedy to this unconstitutionality, taking into account the fact that both legislature and government have been aware of the issue for a long time.

However, this decision has not been implemented by the Slovenian authorities before the expiration of the deadline.

The failure to enforce the decision of the Constitutional Court on an issue related to judicial independence is a serious infringement of the Rule of law.

Gathered in Würzburg on 17 May 2024, the General Assembly of the AEAJ expressed its unanimous support to the Slovenian colleagues and their legitimate demands, and considered this issue becomes of European importance.

The AEAJ calls European institutions and organisations to act accordingly, and urges Slovenian institutions to implement without further delay the decision of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia, by providing appropriate material conditions for the independent work of Slovenian judges, in accordance with principles governing a European democratic society.

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