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Dear Dr Nesturi,

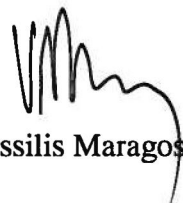
I wish to thank you for your letter of 11/11/2013, addressed to Commissioner Füle, bringing to his attention the position paper of the "Property with Justice" and "Riviera" Associations for the solution of property rights problems in Albania.

Commissioner Füle has asked me to reply to your letter.

The European Commission's recent Progress Report on Albania has reconfirmed that the implementation of property rights is one of the priorities to be fulfilled by Albania before the opening of accession negotiations. According to the Progress Report, persisting problems in the area of property rights, including property restitution, compensation and illegal construction are issues that need to be tackled through systematic efforts and taking into account the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. Reforms in this area will have to be introduced after consultation with all stakeholders, including the civil society.

The Commission is closely monitoring developments in this area, and has offered its cooperation and technical assistance to the national authorities for addressing the challenges of improving governance in the sector and strengthening of property rights.

Yours sincerely,



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