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Ahead of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the EU must not abandon the fight against corruption

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Earlier this year, the European Commission announced that it is scrapping a naming-and-shaming report that assesses the progress with anti-corruption reforms in all 28 Member States. The EU anti-corruption report was first published in 2014 and a second edition was due last year. The decision was announced in a letter to the European Parliament by First Vice-President Frans Timmermans and comes at a time when we are seeing serious backsliding on anti-corruption reform in Hungary, Poland, Romania and elsewhere.

Ahead of the EU's 60th anniversary in Rome, 56 civil society organisations are calling on the European Commission not to abandon its leadership role in the fight against corruption. This fight is even more important if we are to realise the ambition of EU founders to break down the barriers that divide the people in Europe.

On the day that Mr Timmermans addresses the European Parliament on the situation in Poland, we ask him to meet with the anti-corruption community in Europe and to outline the Commission's plans for regaining its role as an anti-corruption champion in a manner that will enable the EU to complete its founding mission.

The full letter can be found below.

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