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Dear Ms. Akulenko,

Thank you very much for your email and for sharing the perspective of Ukrainian civil society organisations regarding Ukraine's EU accession process. Your commitment and active participation in supporting Ukraine's democratic journey and integration into the European Union are commendable and crucial for ensuring a comprehensive and representative dialogue during the accession process.

I wholeheartedly acknowledge the hard work and dedication demonstrated by Ukrainian CSOs in developing the Roadmaps for Cluster 1 Fundamentals during the broad consultation which took place. Your efforts contribute greatly to aligning Ukraine with European values such as human rights, democracy, and the rule of law; principles that are indeed at the core of the European Union.

I also appreciate your concerns regarding the obstacles that have emerged in the accession negotiations. I assure you that it is a priority for the European Commission to ensure a smooth, transparent and merit-based process for Ukraine, addressing and overcoming any bilateral issues that may arise. The Commission is continuing its technical work on the screening meetings and facilitating the discussions in Council to avoid any delays.

Ukraine's path towards EU membership is not only a testament to the resilience and commitment of its people but also a significant step towards strengthening the unity and democratic framework of Europe as a whole. I encourage you to continue engaging actively, as your role is invaluable to this transformative process.

Thank you again for your dedication and constructive engagement.

Yours sincerely,

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