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### Subject: GRECO 4th Round Compliance Procedure – Netherlands

Dear Ms van der Zijde,

Following the discussions and decisions taken during the 78<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of GRECO on 4-8 December 2017, I am writing to ask you to kindly bring to the attention of the relevant national authorities (including Parliament) the importance for GRECO of a swift and comprehensive implementation of its recommendations to the Netherlands, as contained in the 4<sup>th</sup> Round Evaluation Report and assessed in the subsequent compliance reports. These recommendations include one asking for a restriction on the simultaneous holding of the office of judge and that of member of either Chamber of Parliament to be laid down in law, an issue to which I attach particular importance.

As you are aware, GRECO is expected to review the compliance of the Netherlands with its recommendations in March 2018.

GRECO's Secretariat and I remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Yours sincerely,

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President of GRECO