

EU grants Poland its modern-day Brezhnev doctrine of limited sovereignty - Nigel Farage MEP

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â€¢ Debate: Commission decision to activate Article 7 (1) TEU as regards the situation in Poland

Commission statement

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Note (from EUR Lex): Article 7 TEU aims at ensuring that all EU countries respect the common values of the EU, including the rule of law. The preventive mechanism of Article 7(1) TEU can be activated only in case of a â€™clear risk of a serious breachâ€™ and the sanctioning mechanism of Article 7(2) TEU only in case of a â€™serious and persistent breach by a Member Stateâ€™ of the values set out in Article 2.

The **preventive mechanism** allows the Council to give the EU country concerned a warning before a â€™serious breachâ€™ has actually materialised.

The **sanctioning mechanism** allows the Council to suspend certain rights deriving from the application of the treaties to the EU country in question, including the voting rights of that country in the Council. In that case the â€™serious breachâ€™ must have persisted for some time.