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Statement by President Juncker following the provisional release of Diane Rwigara

I strongly welcome the provisional release of Diane Rwigara and her mother Adeline Rwigara by the Kimihurura High Court in Rwanda. This is a positive development and part of a wider process that can only be commended. The European Commission will continue to stand by Rwanda in its efforts to promote fundamental freedoms.