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[Luxembourg, 30 June 2008]: Caselex starts rolling out national Supreme Court cases on the application of the European Union's (EU) abundant base of environmental law, which is set to be more strongly enforced when the European Commission's new environmental priorities enter into force.

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Call for improved enforcement of EU's environmental law

With demanding environmental challenges ahead, Mr Stavros Dimas, Member of the European Commission, responsible for environment, in his speech on 19 May 2008 to the European Parliament emphasised on environmental priorities:

For 2009, the key message is that timely implementation of existing legislation is vital and there is a need to 'encourage' Member States that are lagging behind in one area or another. The forthcoming Communication on the Implementation and Enforcement of EC environmental law will provide new tools and strategies to improve matters.

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