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- Resignation of Lord HILL (UK)

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Delegations will find attached a letter dated 25 June 2016 from Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER,  
President of the European Commission.

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*Brussels, 25 June 2016*

*Dear Prime Minister,*

*Today, Lord Hill, Member of the European Commission, has tendered his resignation. I have accepted it with deep regret. Lord Hill is an experienced politician for whom I have great respect and I have thanked him sincerely for his loyal and professional work as member of my team. The resignation will take effect at midnight on 15 July 2016.*

*In accordance with Article 246 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lord Hill shall be filled for the remainder of his term of office by a new Member of British nationality, appointed by the Council, by common accord with the President of the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament. It follows from Article 17(3) of the Treaty on the European Union that Commissioners shall be chosen on the ground of their general competence and European commitment from persons whose independence is beyond doubt.*

*I have indicated to Prime Minister Cameron that I stand ready to discuss swiftly with him potential names for a new Commissioner of British nationality as well as the possible portfolio.*

*Finally, I should like to inform you that I have decided to transfer the portfolio of Financial Stability, Financial Markets and Capital Markets Union to Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, as of 16 July 2016.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mr Mark Rutte  
Prime Minister of the Netherlands  
Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

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