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Subject: European Commission  
- Nomination of Ms Iliana IVANOVA as Member of the European  
Commission  
- Proposed portfolio

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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter, dated 29 June 2023, from Ms Ursula VON DER LEYEN, President of the European Commission.

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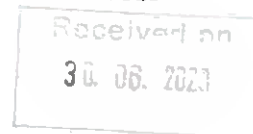
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Ursula von der Leyen  
The President

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Brussels, 29 June 2023

Dear Prime Minister,

Prime Minister Denkov informed me on 23 June 2023 of his proposals to nominate Mr Daniel Lorer and Ms Iliana Ivanova as candidates for the post of the Member of the European Commission, to fill the vacancy created following the resignation of Ms Mariya Gabriel.

I had the opportunity to interview both candidates and to assess their abilities to serve as a European Commissioner in light of Article 17(3) TEU. Following the interviews and considering her skills and significant experience on EU matters, I have decided to propose Ms Iliana Ivanova for the post of Commissioner. It is my intention to allocate the portfolio of innovation, research, culture, education and youth to Iliana Ivanova.

In accordance with Article 246, subparagraph 2 TFEU, I am informing the President of the European Parliament of my intention to allocate to Iliana Ivanova the abovementioned responsibility.

Yours sincerely,

Ursula von der Leyen

Mr Ulf KRISTERSSON  
Prime Minister of Sweden  
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