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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Letter from President Tusk to President-elect von der Leyen seeking her agreement concerning the appointment of the High Representative

Delegations will find attached a letter sent on 22 July 2019 by President Tusk to President-elect von der Leyen.



European Council
The President

Brussels, 22 July 2019

Dear Ms von der Leyen,

Pursuant to Article 18 TEU, the European Council, acting by a qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, appoints the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

At its meeting on 2 July 2019, the European Council considered Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles to be the appropriate candidate for High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, subject to the agreement of the President-elect of the Commission.

The European Council would be grateful if you, as President-elect of the European Commission, could kindly give notification of your agreement with the proposed candidate, so as to allow the European Council to adopt its decision by the end of July.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Tusk

Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission

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