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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Nomination of Mr Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ as Member of the European Commission

Delegations will find attached a letter from Mr Peter PELLEGRINI, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, nominating Mr Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ as Member of the European Commission.



Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

Bratislava, 19 July 2019

Dear Ms von der Leyen,

Dear Ms Tuppurainen,

Firstly, let me warmly congratulate you on your election as President of the European Commission. I am convinced that the decision by the European Parliament is an acknowledgement of the compelling vision you presented and therefore, provides you with a strong mandate to lead the European Commission in these challenging times. I can assure you that as Prime minister of Slovakia, I will do my utmost to foster good cooperation with the European Commission under your leadership and to contribute to strengthening of our European project.

It is in this context that I confirm the decision by the Slovak Government to nominate Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič as a Member of the Commission for the upcoming legislative period 2020-2024. He is a devoted European, enjoying high respect across Europe due to his strong track record and many positive results demonstrated under the previous and current Commission mandates.

*Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission
Brussels, Belgium*

*Ms Tytti Tuppurainen
President-in-office of the European Council
Helsinki, Finland*

Cc:

*Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretary-General of the European Council
Brussels, Belgium*

I am convinced that his experience could prove particularly valuable in the face of an unfolding industrial revolution and fierce global competition. Many sectors are changing fundamentally and it is crucial to throw all our weight behind future-proof European industrial policy and boosted sustainable investment that Maroš feels so passionately about. I am therefore convinced that you will find in him a strong contribution to your team as well as to your vision, especially in the context of a European Green Deal aimed at transforming Europe into the first climate-neutral continent. I also trust that the nomination of Muroš Šečovič will contribute decisively to upholding the geographical balance in the team of Commission Vice-Presidents.

In conclusion, let me wish you every success in forming a strong European Commission team able to deliver on our people's aspirations. I am looking forward to our continuous cooperation.

Kind regards,



CURRICULUM VITAE

MAROŠ ŠEFCOVIČ



Nationality: Slovak

Born: OMISSIS

Marital status: Married, three children

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

European Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union and responsible for coordinating EU Space policy
2014 – Present

European Commission Vice-President temporarily in charge of the Digital Single Market
July 2019 – Present

Co-chair of the Board of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
2016 – Present

European Commission Vice-President for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration
2010

Elected as a Member of the European Parliament, Slovakia
2014

European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth
2009

Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the EU, Brussels
2004

Director-General of the European Affairs Section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia
2003

Director-General of the Bilateral Cooperation Section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia
2002

Ambassador of Slovakia to Israel
1999

Deputy Head of the Slovak Mission to the EU, Brussels
1998

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia: Head of the Minister's Office, Deputy Head of the Minister's Office, Deputy Director of the EU and NATO Countries Department
1995

Deputy Head at the Embassy of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to Canada
1992

Consul at the Embassy of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to Zimbabwe
1991

Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic
1990

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in international and European law, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
1996–2000

Doctor of Law (JUDr.), Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
1990

Moscow State Institute of International Relations in Moscow, Russia
1985–1990

University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia
1984–1985

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Hoover Institution at Stanford University at Stanford, USA
1991

Université d'Été de Perpignan, France
1990

PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS

Doctor Honoris Causa at the Pan-European University in Bratislava, Slovakia
2018

“Driving the EU forward – talks with Maroš Šefčovič” on the first mandate as European
Commission Vice-President
2014

Chatam Sofer Medal for fostering the Slovak-Israeli relations
2002

LANGUAGES

Slovak: native; English, French, Russian: trilingual; German: foundations

INTERESTS

A wide range of sports, literature