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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Nomination of Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES as Member of the European Commission

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Delegations will find attached a letter from Mr Nicos ANASTASIADIS, President of Cyprus, nominating Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES as Member of the European Commission.

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REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

PRESIDENTIAL PALACE  
The President

Nicosia, 23 July 2019

Dear President-elect,

Dear President-in-office of the Council,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 July regarding the launching of the procedure for the appointment of the new members of the European Commission.

Taking full account of your remarks and responding to your encouragement to put forward a female candidate to achieve the goal of a fully gender-equal College of Commissioners, I have decided to nominate Ms. Stella Kyriakides for the post of Commissioner hailing from the Republic of Cyprus.

Ms. Kyriakides is a committed European whom I have known for many years and respect profoundly. Her intellect is keen, her breadth of knowledge impressive, her commitment to service unwavering and her integrity beyond any doubt. I am fully convinced that she can bring the experience and qualities required in the new College of Commissioners and may be entrusted with challenging and demanding duties and responsibilities. I have no doubt that Ms. Kyriakides will prove to be an excellent and valued collaborator and member of your team of Commissioners.

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen,  
President-elect of the European Commission,  
Rue de la Loi 200,  
1049 Brussels.

Ms. Tytti Tuppurainen  
President-in-office of the Council,  
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1040 Brussels.

c.c. Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen,  
Secretary-General of the Council,  
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Ms. Kyriakides has an extensive political and parliamentary experience, having been elected as a member of the House of Representatives of Cyprus since 2006. She is currently the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Equal Opportunities. She has been a Member of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) for three years and has had the honour of being elected the 30<sup>th</sup> President of PACE for 2017-2018, being the first Cypriot and the third female to hold that high office. Last year, she was appointed representative of PACE in the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), a post which is traditionally granted to parliamentarians of high distinction.

She also has varied interests beyond her professional capacity, which in my view is extremely important. To give but one example, Ms. Kyriakides is well invested in social affairs and she has been a leading figure in the breast cancer movement and awareness-raising at home and abroad for many years now.

I remain at your disposal for anything further you may need concerning Ms. Kyriakides' candidacy or any other issue you may deem necessary.

Yours Sincerely,



Nicos Anastasiades

Annex: CV of Ms. Stella Kyriakides

## CURRICULUM VITAE



### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name	Stella Kyriakides
Address	OMISSIS
Telephone	OMISSIS
Fax	OMISSIS
E-mail	OMISSIS
Nationality	Cypriot
Date of birth	OMISSIS
Family status	Married; has two sons and two grandsons

### POLITICAL CAREER:

- 2006 - to date  
**Member of House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus** (re-elected in May 2011 and May 2016, respectively)
  - Member of the House Standing Committee on Health Affairs (2006-to date / Vice Chairperson from 2011 - 2016)
  - Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women (2016-to date)
  - Member of the House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs (2006-to date)
- 2012 - to date  
**Head of Cyprus Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**
  - Chairperson of the Sub - Committee on Children (2019-to date)
  - Member of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

- (2017-to date)
  - *Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (2016-17)*
  - *Member of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (2013-to date)*
  - *General Rapporteur for Children's Rights (2013-15)*
  - *Contact Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance of the PACE (2013-15)*
  - *Contact Parliamentarian on PACE One in Five Campaign Combating Sexual Abuse in children (2013-15)*
- 2013 - to date ***Vice President of [governing] Democratic Rally Party (DISY)***
- October 2017-  
January 2018 ***President of PACE***
  - 30<sup>th</sup> President of the PACE (third woman holding this high position in the history of the Assembly since 1949 and first Cypriot elected to this post). During term in office chaired the Bureau of the PACE, the Presidential Committee composed of the leaders of all the political groups of the Assembly, the Standing Committee and the Joint Committee which comprises of members of the PACE and members of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. Also responsible of the foreign policy of the organization; held meetings with foreign dignitaries such as Heads of State and Government and Speakers of Parliament and represented PACE at meetings and conferences; held meetings with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. Task included official visits to Greece and Denmark, respectively, to inter alia discuss human rights issues (refugee and migrant).
- 2018 ***Acting President of European Peoples Party (EPP) at PACE***
  - *First woman Acting President of the EPP/CD represented the EPP at all high-level meetings in the Assembly; represented EPP in the Presidential Committee; Chaired the EPP group in the Assembly and held regular contacts and meetings with EPP President Joseph Daul.*
- 2018-19 ***PACE representative to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)***
- 2019 - ***Vice President of EPP at PACE***
- 2019 - ***Member of the EPP Ethics Committee***
  - *Elected as member of the EPP Ethics Committee in charge of drawing up the new Code of Conduct of the EPP, with the aim of reaffirming commitment to the fight against corruption and conflicts of interest at all levels.*

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- 1974-77 ***BA in Psychology***, University of Reading, UK
- 1977-78 ***MED in Maladjustment***, University of Manchester, UK
- 1987 ***WHO Fellowship on Child Psychology***, Institute of Psychiatry, UK

#### OTHER ACTIVITY:

(Indicative)

- 1979-2006 Clinical Psychologist at Ministry of Health, Mental Health, Services, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
  - 2004-06 President of the European Breast Cancer Coalition Europa Donna
  - 2010 to date Member of the Board of the Mediterranean Institute for Gender Studies
  - October 2013 Founder of the yearly first breast cancer awareness campaign at the Council of Europe
  - 2017 to date President of the Cyprus' National Committee on Cancer Strategy
- Served as Chairwoman of Patient Advisory Committee of the European Cancer Conference Organisation (ECCO)

#### AWARDS AND HONOURS:

(Indicative)

- 2001 Woman of the Year, Cyprus
- 2006 Award for service to women with breast cancer in Greece (Alma Zois)
- 2009 Breast Cancer Global Contribution Award by Breast Cancer Network Australia
- 2010 Award for service to women with breast cancer in China
- 2014 Global College Award
- 2017 Women in Business Award - Women Leader

#### PERSONAL SKILLS:

Mother tongue: Greek  
Foreign languages: English (fluent)  
French (basic)