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

Delegations will find attached a letter from Mr Mark RUTTE, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, nominating Mr Frans TIMMERMANS as Member of the European Commission.



MINISTER-PRESIDENT

H.E. Mrs Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission
Brussels

No.: 3708284

The Hague, 24 July 2019

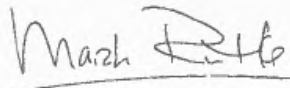
Dear President-elect,

On behalf of the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, I would like to warmly congratulate you upon your election by the European Parliament as President-elect of the European Commission, following your nomination by the European Council. We are very much looking forward to closely cooperating with you and your College in furthering the important issues facing the European Union in its Strategic Agenda for the coming five years.

In response to your kind letter dated 19 July 2019, in which you ask me formally to suggest a European Commissioner from the Netherlands, I would like to propose Mr Frans Timmermans - currently First Vice-President of the European Commission, as Commissioner-designate for the Netherlands, in line with the understandings reached at the European Council of 1-2 July 2019.

As you rightly say in your letter, we have a lot of work to do together. I am looking forward to a swift and effective hearing and appointment process of a College that is fully geared towards the common challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rutte
Prime Minister of the Netherlands

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