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Subject: Letters from the President-elect of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen to Heads of State or Government on suggestions for Members of the Commission

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Delegations will find in the [Annex](#) the letters sent on 24 July 2024 by President-elect von der Leyen to Heads of State or Government on suggestions for Members of the Commission.



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Ursula von der Leyen  
The President

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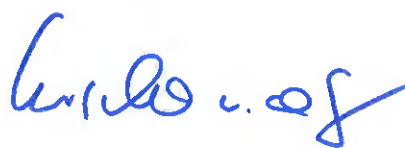
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Prime Minister of Belgium*

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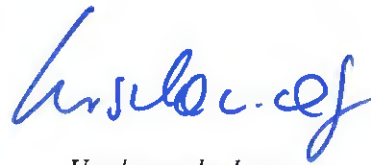
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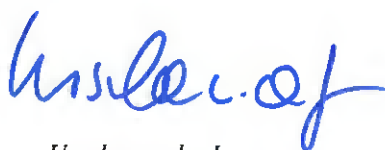
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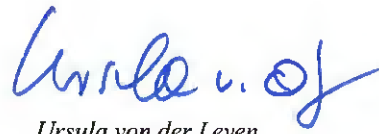
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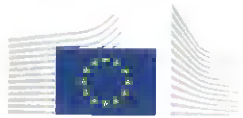
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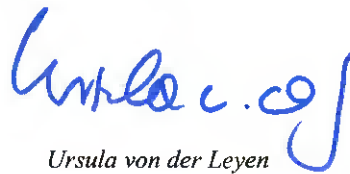
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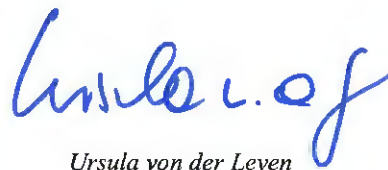
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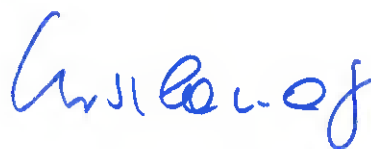
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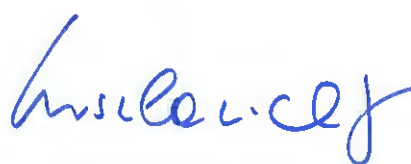
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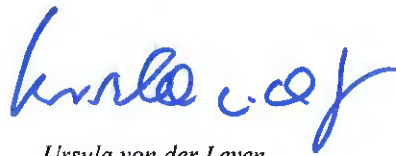
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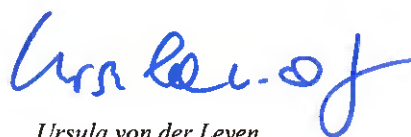
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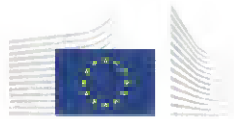
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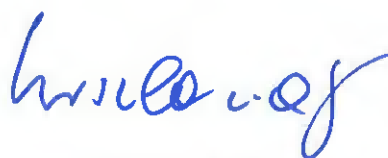
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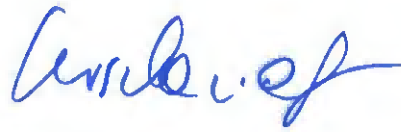
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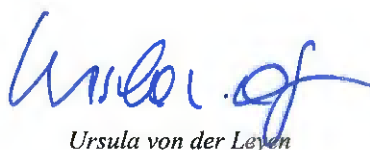
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