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From: Robert de GROOT, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union

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To: José Manuel ALBARES BUENO, President of the Council of the European Union
Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject: European Commission
- Netherlands' nomination for a Member of the European Commission

Delegations will find in the Annex a letter on the abovementioned subject, dated 31 August 2023, from Mr Robert de GROOT, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union.

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Dear Minister, Dear Secretary General,

I would like to inform you that following consultations with the President of the European Commission, the Government of the Netherlands nominated Mr Wopke Hoekstra as Member of the European Commission from the Netherlands.

Mr Hoekstra has significant experience on European issues, having been Deputy Prime Minister of the Netherlands and Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2022, and Minister of Finance from 2017 to 2022.

His international experience, motivation and professional attitude will, without doubt, contribute to the successful fulfilment of the role of Commissioner in charge of climate action, for the remaining term of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Robert de Groot
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
to the European Union

Attachment: CV of Mr Wopke Hoekstra

MR JOSÉ MANUEL ALBARES BUENO
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Wopke Hoekstra

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Born on 30 September 1975 in Bennekom, married, 4 children

Party: Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA)

Education

1994-2001	Law, Leiden University
1995-1997	History (foundation year), Leiden University
2000	Courses in law and economics, LUISS, Rome
2005	MBA, INSEAD in Fontainebleau and Singapore

Career

2002-2004

Commercial positions at Shell in Berlin, Hamburg and Rotterdam

2006-2017

McKinsey & Company, partner since 2013

2011-2017

Member of the Senate; deputy leader of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) in the Senate and member of the Senate Finance Committee, Security & Justice Committee, Social Affairs & Employment Committee, Economic Affairs Committee and Foreign Affairs, Defence & Development Cooperation Committee

26 October 2017 – 10 January 2022

Minister of Finance in the third Rutte government

18 March 2021 – 10 January 2022

Leader of the CDA in the House of Representatives and CDA party leader

10 January 2022

Appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister in the fourth Rutte government

Party political positions and outside activities

Until 2017: Chair of the supervisory board of the National Maritime Museum, member of the board of the Friends of the Hubrecht Institute and ambassador of the Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology