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Subject:	Letter from Malta to President-elect of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen suggesting Mr Glenn Micallef as Member of the Commission

Delegations will find in the <u>Annex</u> a letter from Mr Robert ABELA, Prime Minister of Malta, suggesting Mr Glenn MICALLEF as Member of the Commission.

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Nomination of Mr Glenn Micallef as Member of the European Commission

President von der Leyen, dear Wisula,

Allow me to express my heartfelt congratulations on your reappointment as President of the European Commission. I look forward to continuing and strengthening the excellent cooperation between the European Commission and the Republic of Malta throughout this five-year term.

In response to your letter dated 25 July, I am pleased and honoured to inform you that, following careful deliberations on the attributes required for the position of European Commissioner, as per the relevant provisions of the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Government of Malta is nominating Mr Glenn Micallef for your consideration.

Mr Micallef has years of extensive hands-on experience in EU and governmental affairs, having served in various EU-related roles in the Maltese public service, including Sherpa to the European Council and Director General of Malta's EU Coordination Department, as well as the Head of Secretariat at the Office of the Prime Minister. I have no doubt that Mr Micallef will be an asset to the new Commission. Mr Micallef's Curriculum Vitae is enclosed herewith.

Robert Abela Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta

H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission

Enclosures: Curriculum Vitae of Mr Micallef Copy: Secretary General of the Council of the European Union

Gienn Micallef

Curriculum Vitae

Glenn Micallef is a technocrat with extensive experience in Governmental and European Affairs. Mr Micallef holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce, with Honours in Economics, and an MA in European Politics, Law and Economics, both from the University of Malta. He also attended courses on EU negotiations at the College of Europe in Bruges and was selected for the prestigious Future Leaders Invitation Programme (PIPA) by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in 2023.

Upon completion of his studies, Mr Micallef moved to Brussels to contribute to the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) Group in the European Parliament. Following his stint at the European Parliament, he joined the Maltese Ministry for EU Affairs, initially as a Research Analyst focusing on the Competitiveness Council configuration, then Head of the Unit responsible for external relations and preparations for the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU. In 2017 Mr Micallef was eventually appointed Director General of Malta's EU Coordination Department within the Foreign Affairs Ministry, in which capacity he led various negotiations on draft EU legislation and monitored the transposition of EU Directives and the implementation of EU legislation.

Whilst heading the EU Coordination Department, Mr Micallef spearheaded the Brexit Unit and the Preparedness Task Force, playing a pivotal role in the Article 50 Task Force negotiations.

In 2020 Mr Micallef was appointed Head of Secretariat of the Prime Minister of Malta Robert Abela as well as Advisor to the Prime Minister on EU Affairs and European Council Sherpa. In these roles, Mr Micallef contributed significantly to negotiations on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) budget of the EU, and was on the team which managed to secure a record €2.27 billion in EU funds for Malta. Mr Micallef was also responsible for a number of Inter-Ministerial and sectoral initiatives of national importance, such those pertaining to Anti-Money Laundering, Counter Terrorism Financing and the Rule of Law.

Mr Micallef also held the esteemed position of President of the St John's Co-Cathedral Foundation from July 2021 until July 2024.