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Subject:	Letter from Latvia to President-elect of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen suggesting Mr Valdis Dombrovskis as Member of the Commission

Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Ms Evika SILIŅA, Prime Minister of Latvia, suggesting Mr Valdis DOMBROVSKIS as Member of the Commission.

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Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

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Riga, 26 July 2024

Dear President-elect,

Dear Ursula,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Latvia, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election as the President of the European Commission. I am confident that your leadership will continue to drive positive change within Europe and deliver more prosperity and security for our citizens and I am looking forward to continue working with you closely.

In response to your letter of July 24 and in line with the decision of my government, it is my honour to inform you that Latvia has decided to suggest Mr Valdis Dombrovskis as a Member of the next European Commission. As an incumbent Commissioner and Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Dombrovskis has demonstrated his dedication and strong commitment to the European project. His experience as a long serving Prime Minister of Latvia (2009-2014) and a two-time Commissioner reflects his ability to navigate complex challenges at national, European and global levels.

Article 17 (3) of the Treaty on European Union stipulates that the members of the Commission shall be chosen on the ground of their general competence and European commitment from persons whose independence is beyond doubt. Clearest approval of compliance of Mr Dombrovskis with these principles has been his outstanding result in the recent European Parliament elections – central element of our democratic systems.

Let me use this opportunity to praise the ambitions you have set out in the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission. I am convinced that Mr Dombrovskis would bring the right knowledge and expertise to your College of Commissioners to advance this agenda and address challenges we face. It is my belief that track record and set of skills of Mr Dombrovskis puts him in a strong position to take responsibility of an important portfolio in the next Commission. Please find enclosed the Curriculum Vitae of Mr Valdis Dombrovskis.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Evika Siliņa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Siliņa', written in a cursive style.

**H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission**

CV Valdis Dombrovskis

Date of birth: OMISSIS

Nationality: Latvian

Professional experience

Since October 2020	European Commission Executive Vice-President responsible for an Economy that Works for People, also in charge of Trade
2019 – 2020	European Commission Executive Vice-President responsible for an Economy that Works for People
2016-2019	European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union
2014-2016	European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue
2014	Member of the European Parliament (MEP) representing the European People's Party
2014	Member of Parliament (Saeima) in Latvia
2009-2014	Prime Minister of Latvia
2004-2009	Member of the European Parliament (MEP) representing the European People's Party
2002-2004	Finance Minister of Latvia
1998-2002	Macroeconomic analysis expert, senior economist, chief economist at the Monetary Policy Department, Bank of Latvia

Education

2005-2007	Professional Master's degree in customs and tax administration, Riga Technical University
1993-1996	Master's degree in physics, University of Latvia
1992-1995	Bachelor's degree in economics for engineers, Riga Technical University
1989 – 1993	Bachelor's degree in Physics, University of Latvia

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