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

Delegations will find attached a letter from Mr Viktor ORBÁN, Prime Minister of Hungary, nominating Mr Olivér VÁRHELYI as Member of the European Commission.



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PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF HUNGARY
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Brussels, 2nd October 2019
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Dear Head of Cabinet,

Please find enclosed a letter of Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to President-elect Ursula von der Leyen.

I would be grateful if you transmitted this letter to the attention of the President-elect at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Varhelyi
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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PRIME MINISTER

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Madam Ursula von der Leyen

President-elect of the European Commission

Brussels

Budapest, 1st October 2019

Dear Madam President,

Following your request of 30 September 2019, I hereby withdraw the nomination of Mr. László Trócsányi and nominate Mr. Olivér Várhelyi, Permanent Representative of Hungary at the European Union as the Hungarian member of the European Commission for the 2019-2024 legislative term.

Mr. Várhelyi, a qualified lawyer, has extensive experience in European decision-making and diplomacy. He has dedicated his entire career to the European project working in highly responsible positions both within Hungarian public administration and in the European Commission where he served as Head of Unit responsible for Industrial Property Rights. He has a thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of a wide range of EU policy areas and he is a well-respected professional in Brussels. From 2011 to 2015 he was Deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary to the European Union. In 2015 he became Permanent Representative of Hungary to the European Union, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, the office which he is currently exercising.

Please find the curriculum vitae of the candidate attached.

Sincerely,



[Handwritten signature]
ORBÁN Viktor

Olívér VÁRHELYI
ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary
permanent representative

Date of birth: OMISSIS
Place of birth: OMISSIS, Hungary

Academic background:

1994 Master of European Legal Studies, Aalborg University, Denmark

1996 Law degree at University of Szeged, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

2005 Bar examination

Professional experience:

2015- Permanent Representative of Hungary, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary

2011-2015 Deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary

2008-2011 Head of Unit responsible for Industrial Property Rights, European Commission, Directorate General Internal Market and Services

2006-2008 Head of the European Union Law Department, Ministry of Justice

2003-2006 Head of the Legal Service, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union

2001-2003 Legal counsellor, Mission of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union

1998-2001 Chef de cabinet, Head of the Legal Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet of the Deputy Head of the State Secretary for Integration

1996-1998 Desk officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for EC Harmonization, State Secretary for Integration

1996 Desk officer, Ministry for Industry and Trade, Office for European Affairs, Department for EC Coordination and Harmonization

1995 Trainee, Ministry for Industry and Trade, Office for European Affairs

Languages:
English, French, German (basic)

Personal details: Married, three daughters