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from: Ms Marlene BONNICI, Permanent Representative of Malta to the European Union

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to: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

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Subject: Nomination of Mr Karmenu VELLA as Member of the European Commission

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Delegations will find attached a letter<sup>1</sup> from Ms Marlene BONNICI, Permanent Representative of Malta to the European Union, forwarding a letter from Dr Joseph MUSCAT, Prime Minister of Malta, nominating Mr Karmenu VELLA as Member of the European Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> with reference PR476/14

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*The Permanent Representative*

Mr Uwe Corsepius  
Secretary General of the Council  
Rue de la Loi 175  
1048 Brussels

PR476/14

29 July 2014

*Dear Uwe,*

**Nomination of Mr Karmenu Vella as Member of the European Commission**

Enclosed please find a letter from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta addressed to Mr Jean Claude Juncker, President-elect of the European Commission, and Ms Federica Mogherini, President-in-Office of the Council, on the nomination of Mr Karmenu Vella as Member of the European Commission for the next term of office.

Yours Sincerely

Marlene Bonnici  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Enclosures: Letter from the Prime Minister on the nomination of Mr Karmenu Vella as Member of the European Commission

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Mr Jean Claude Juncker  
President-elect of the European Commission  
Rue de la Loi 200  
1040 - Brussels

Mrs Federica Mogherini  
President-in-office of the Council  
Rue de la Loi 175  
1048 - Brussels

*Excelsly,*

**Nomination of Mr Karmenu Vella as Member of the European Commission**

I have the honour to inform you that following careful consideration of the requirements and attributes needed to hold office as a member of the European Commission, as reflected in the provisions of the Treaty on the European Union as well as the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Government of Malta would like to hereby nominate Mr Karmenu Vella for consideration as a member of the European Commission for the next term of office.

The Curriculum Vitae of Mr Vella is attached herewith.

Yours Sincerely



Joseph Muscat  
Prime Minister

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Enclosures: Curriculum Vitae of Mr Vella  
Copy: Secretary General of the Council

## **Karmenu Vella**

### **Personal Details**

- Maltese
- Born June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1950
- Married with 2 children

### **Current Duties**

- Member of Parliament

### **Parliamentary Career**

- 2013 – 2014: Minister for Tourism
- 2011 – 2013: Shadow Minister for Finance
- 1998 – 2011: Shadow Minister for Tourism
- 1996 – 1998: Minister for Tourism
- 1987 – 1996: Shadow Minister for Tourism
- 1984 – 1987: Minister for Industry
- 1981 – 1983: Minister for Public Works
- 1976 – : Member of Parliament

### **Political Career**

- 2011 – 2013: In charge of the Maltese Labour Party's 2013 electoral programme
- 2008 – 2013: Group Co-ordinator for the Labour Party Parliamentary Group
- 1976 – : Member of the Parliamentary Group for the Maltese Labour Party
- 1970 – 1976: Member of National Executive Committee of the Labour Youth Movement
- 1968 – 1970: Elected member of Zurrieq Civic Council

### **Professional Career**

- 2010 – 2013: Chairman – Orange Travel Group.
- 2009 – 2013: Board Director - Betfair Group Ltd.
- 2008 – 2010: Executive Chairman - Corinthia's Mediterranean Construction Co Ltd
- 2001 – 2007: Executive Chairman - Corinthia Hotels International
- 1978 – 1981: Managing Director - The Libyan Arab Maltese Holding Company Ltd
- 1978 – 1981: Director in LAMHCo's subsidiaries:
  - Malta Shipbuilding Co Ltd
  - Rotos Zirayia Pumps Company Limited
  - Plastic Processing Company Limited
  - Medelec Switchgear Co Ltd
  - Mediterranean Aviation Company Limited
  - Mediterranean Power Electric Co Ltd
- 1973 – 1976 : Director Mid-Med Bank
- 1973 – 1981: Architect & Civil Engineer

### **Other Non-Commercial Activities**

- 2008 – 2013: Member of the Vodafone Malta Foundation
- 2007 – 2013: Chairman of the Maltese Turkish Business Council
- Honorary President :
  - Queen Victoria Band Club, Zurrieq
  - Bocci Club, Zurrieq
  - Birzebbugia Aquatic Sports Club, Birzebbugia

### **Education**

- 1998 – 2000: M.Sc (Tourism Management) – Sheffield Hallam University, Uk.  
Thesis: “Stakeholders’ attitude towards tourism growth management strategies for Malta as a small island economy.”
- 1968 – 1973: B.Arch (Hons), (Architecture and Civil Engineer) – University of Malta.  
Thesis: “Sports and recreational centre at Ta’ Qali, Malta.”
- 1968 – 1970: B.A. (Arch Stud) – University of Malta.  
Thesis: “Village Conservation Policy.”

### **Languages**

- Maltese and English: mother tongue
- Italian: fluent