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Subject:           Accreditations

–                   Appointment of H.E. Mr Gary Francis QUINLAN AO, as the Head  
of Mission of the Commonwealth of Australia to the European  
Union to replace H.E. Mr Mark William Christopher Higgle

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With reference to the procedure agreed by exchange of letters on 3 and 9 November 1966, you are hereby informed that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia intends to appoint H.E. Mr Gary Francis QUINLAN AO as Head of Mission of the Commonwealth of Australia to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Mark William Christopher Higgle.

- Your tacit agreement will be assumed on 9 July 2017 unless you make specific objections by that date.

Please find attached a copy of the note verbale sent to the Commission by the Mission of the Commonwealth of Australia to the European Union and the curriculum vitae of H.E. Mr Gary Francis QUINLAN AO.

Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN  
Secretary-General

- note verbale
- curriculum vitae

#### NOTE VERBALE

The Mission of the Commonwealth of Australia to the European Union presents its compliments to the Protocol Service of the European Commission and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Australia proposes to appoint Mr Gary Francis Quinlan AO as Head of Mission of Australia to the European Union. Agrément is hereby requested to his appointment.

A curriculum vitae for Mr Quinlan is attached.

The Mission of the Commonwealth of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Protocol Service of the European Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Gary Francis Quinlan AO

Date of birth: 9 February 1951

Present position: Deputy Secretary, DFAT

Educational and professional qualifications: Bachelor of Arts (Honours), University of Newcastle (1972)  
HON D Liu, University of Newcastle (2007)

Relevant experience: 2013 - 2014: Australia's Representative on the United Nations Security Council

2009 - 2015: Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York

2007 - 2009: Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Defence & National Security

2007: First Assistant Secretary, Consular, Public Diplomacy & Parliamentary Affairs Division, DFAT

2005 - 2007: Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Washington

2001 - 2005: Head of Mission, Australian High Commission, Singapore

2000 - 2001: First Assistant Secretary, Americas and Europe Division, DFAT

1999 - 2000: First Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security, Information Management & Services Division, DFAT

1996 - 1999: Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch, DFAT

1973: Joined DFAT

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