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- Nomination of Ms Kadri SIMSON as Member of the European
Commission

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 8 July 2019 from Mr Jüri RATAS, Prime Minister of Estonia.

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PRIME MINISTER
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIATallinn, 8 July 2019
No 7-15/19-00953*Dear Antti,*

The Estonian Government decided on June 6, 2019 to designate Ms Kadri Simson as the candidate for the Member of the European Commission and she successfully passed a hearing at the Estonian Parliament. After the early resignation of Vice-President Ansip from the European Commission, Ms Simson will also be the candidate for the Member for the current European Commission, in accordance with the Art 246 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the EU.

Ms Kadri Simson has executive experience as a Minister and a long-time Member of the Parliament. Ms Simson has had long and successful working relations with all the institutions of the European Union. As Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure during the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2017, she managed effectively and with vigour the domains of internal market, energy and transport. She is a dedicated European and is very committed to carrying out the tasks ahead. I am convinced she will be a hard-working and very professional Member of the European Commission.

I will be grateful if the Council could launch the necessary procedures for her nomination at the earliest opportunity. I will be at your disposal for all enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Jüri Ratas

H. E. Mr Antti Rinne
Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland
Presidency of the Council of the European Union
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CC: Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen

- ✂ From 2016-2019, Kadri Simson was Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure. During the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU Simson chaired both energy ministers and transport ministers meetings in TTE Council and ministers of economy format in EU Competitiveness Council.
- ✂ From 2007–2016 Kadri Simson was a member of the 11th, 12th, and 13th Riigikogu.
- ✂ From 2019 she is a member of 14th of Riigikogu (Estonian Parliament)
- ✂ From 2009–2016 and 2019 - she is the Chairman of the Estonian Centre Party faction, and from 2007–2009, the Deputy Chairman of the National Defence Committee. From 2019- leader of the Estonian NATO Parliamentary Assembly delegation.

- ✂ In 2013, Kadri Simson was elected in Pärnu City Council and in 2009, she was elected as a member of Tallinn City Council.

- ✂ From 2003–2007, Kadri Simson was the Secretary-General of the Estonian Centre Party.

- ✂ In 2003, Kadri Simson served as the Research Assistant of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

- ✂ From 2001–2002, Kadri Simson was the Advisor to the Mayor of Tallinn and in 1999, the Advisor of Tallinn City Council.

- ✂ From 1998–1999, Kadri Simson served as the Consultant of the European Documentation Centre of the University of Tartu.

- ✂ Born on OMISSIS in OMISSIS, Kadri Simson has graduated from Tartu Secondary School No. 10, acquired a degree in History at the University of Tartu and a Master's degree in Political Science from University College London.
- ✂ She is a member of the Estonian Centre Party.

