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Delegations will find attached a letter dated 28 October 2016 from Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER,
President of the European Commission.

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Dear Prime Minister, *dan Robov,*

Today, Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva has tendered her resignation as she has decided to take a leading role in the World Bank. I have accepted it with deep regret. Kristalina Georgieva has been a very committed Vice-President of the Commission and I have thanked her sincerely for her loyal and professional work as member of my team.

The resignation will take effect at the latest at midnight on 31 December 2016, depending notably on the ongoing budgetary negotiations. Thereafter, I have decided to transfer the portfolio of Budget and Human Resources to Günther Oettinger who, after my current Vice-Presidents, is the first Commissioner in seniority and protocol order in the Commission.

In accordance with Article 246 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the vacancy caused by the resignation of Kristalina Georgieva shall be filled for the remainder of her term of office by a new Member of Bulgarian nationality, appointed by the Council, by common accord with the President of the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament. It follows from Article 17(3) of the Treaty on the European Union that Commissioners shall be chosen on the ground of their general competence and European commitment from persons whose independence is beyond doubt.

I have indicated to Prime Minister Borissov that I stand ready to discuss swiftly with him potential names for a new Commissioner of Bulgarian nationality as well as the possible portfolio. It goes without saying that I will keep you informed of all relevant developments in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Robert Fico
Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic
Presidency of the Council of the European Union

