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Delegations will find attached a translation of a letter dated 10 May 2017 from Mr Boyko BORISSOV, Prime Minister of Bulgaria.

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**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
THE PRIME MINISTER**

*Sofia, 10 May 2017*

*Dear Mr. Juncker,  
Dear Jean-Claude,*

*During our phone call last Friday, when you congratulated me on my third appointment as Prime Minister, we discussed the issue about the nomination of a member of the European Commission from Bulgaria.*

*I am delighted to inform you that today, at its first session, the Bulgarian government took the decision to nominate Ms Mariya Gabriel for this post.*

*With her professional skills and longstanding experience at the European Parliament, I am convinced that Ms Mariya Gabriel will have a significant and valuable contribution to the work of the Commission.*

*I will be glad to discuss this nomination with you at your earliest convenience and as the EU Treaty foresees, to receive your approval for it.*



**BOYKO BORISSOV**

**TO  
MR. JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER  
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**