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from: Mr Matti MAASIKAS, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union

received on: 29 July 2014

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

Subject: Nomination of Mr Andrus ANSIP as Member of the European Commission

Delegations will find attached a letter¹ from Mr Matti MAASIKAS, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union, nominating Mr Andrus ANSIP as Member of the European Commission.

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Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia
to the European Union*

Brussels, 24 July 2014

No 8.1-5/1217

Dear Secretary-General, *Uwe* |

I have the honour to inform you that Estonian Government decided on 10 July to designate Mr Andrus Ansip as the Estonian candidate for Commissioner of the next European Commission.

I believe that Mr Ansip with his long experience as the Prime Minister of Estonia, Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications and with compelling mandate that he received in recent European Parliament elections would contribute effectively to formation of a strong Commission.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Matti Maasikas

Permanent Representative

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Mr Uwe Corsepius

Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Andrus ANSIP

Personal details:

Date and place of birth: 1st of October 1956 in Tartu, Estonia
Nationality: Estonian
Marital status: Married, three daughters

Career:

2014 - Member of European Parliament, Vice-President of ALDE group
2014 Member of *Riigikogu* (Estonian Parliament)
2005 - 2014 Prime Minister of Estonia
2004 - 2005 Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications
1998 - 2004 Mayor of Tartu
1995 - 1996 Chairman of the Board, Livonia Privatization Fund
1995 - 1996 Chairman of the Management Board, *Fondijuhtide* Ltd
(fund manager for privatisation investment fund)
1994 - 1998 Bankruptcy Trustee, Tartu Commercial Bank
1994 - 1998 Chairman of the Board, Radio Tartu Ltd
1994 - 1995 Deputy Head of Tartu Department of North Estonian Bank
1994 Head of Tartu Department of Estonian Social Bank
1993 - 1994 Member of the Board of Directors, *Rahvapank* (People's Bank)
1993 - 1994 Chairman of the Management Board and General Director, *Rondam* Ltd
1989 - 1993 Head of Tartu Regional Office, Joint Venture *Estkompexim*
1986 - 1988 Head of Organisational Department, Instructor of Industry Department, Tartu District Committee, Estonian Communist Party
1983 - 1986 Senior Engineer, coronary and cardio-surgery division, x-ray contrast substances laboratory, Institute of General and Molecular Pathology, Tartu State University
1981 - 1983 Military service
1979 - 1981 Senior Engineer, Chair of Organic Chemistry, Tartu State University

Participation in elections:

Elected to the European Parliament in 2014
Elected to the *Riigikogu* (Estonian Parliament) in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011
Elected to Tartu City Council in 1999 and 2002

Membership in international organizations and bodies:

Congress of Local and Regional Municipalities of Europe (1999-2004)

Committee of Regions of the European Union (2004)

Membership in political parties and voluntary organizations:

Member of the Estonian Reform Party (ALDE) since 1994, Chairman of the Estonian Reform Party 2004-2014

Member of the Estonian Communist Party 1978-1989

Member of *Kaitseliit* (Estonian Defence League) since 2009

Education:

1974 - 1979 Organic Chemistry, Tartu State University

Further education:

1992 Business Management, York University, Toronto

1987 - 1989 Agronomy, Estonian Academy of Agriculture

2000 British Council's seminars in Brussels, Dublin and Edinburgh

Honours and prizes:

Order of the White Star, 3rd class (2005)

Order of National Merit (Malta) (2001)

Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Orange-Nassau (Netherlands) (2008)

Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown (Belgium) (2008)

Order of the Three Stars, 2nd class (Latvia) (2009)

Grand Cross of the Order for Merits (Lithuania) (2013)

Grand Cross of the Order of Merit (Federal Republic of Germany) (2013)

Friedrich August von Hayek International Prize (2011)

Foreign languages: English and Russian; basic German
