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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Delegations will find attached a letter from Ms Sanita PAVĻUTA-DESLANDES, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the European Union, forwarding the letter from Mr Krišjānis KARIŅŠ, Prime Minister of Latvia, to Ms Ursula VON DER LEYEN, President-elect of the Commission, nominating Mr Valdis DOMBROVSKIS as Member of the European Commission.

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Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretary-General
Council of the European Union
cc: nominations@consilium.europa.eu

Dear Mr Tranholm-Mikkelsen,

I have the pleasure of enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr Krišjānis Kariņš, Prime Minister of Latvia, addressed to Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission, regarding the nomination of Mr Valdis Dombrovskis as a Member of the next European Commission.

Enclosure: letter and CV (3 pages)

Yours sincerely,

Sanita Pāvļuta-Deslandes
Permanent Representative



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LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS MINISTRU PREZIDENTS
Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Rīga, 23 July 2019
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Dear President-elect von der Leyen,

In response to your letter of 19 July and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Latvia, I would like to convey my pleasure on the occasion of your election as the President of the European Commission. I wish you success in dealing with all the demanding tasks in your office and look forward to working with you closely.

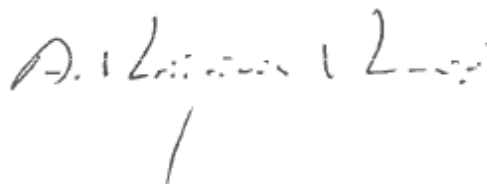
I highly appreciate your ambitions and aspirations for the next European Commission. Bringing in the right expertise and experience will allow the European Union to achieve the most. In this regard, it is my honour to inform you that in accordance with Article 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union, the Government of the Republic of Latvia has decided to nominate Mr Valdis Dombrovskis as a Member of the next European Commission. Mr Dombrovskis is well-regarded in Latvia, and consequently it was no surprise that all parties in the Government coalition supported his candidature already at the beginning of June.

Mr Dombrovskis has exceptional professional expertise and he has proved himself a person of strong convictions and integrity. As a long serving Prime Minister of Latvia (2009-2014), Mr Dombrovskis was the key player in managing the consequences of the 2008 financial crisis in Latvia. His dedication and solid track record in performance of duties as European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue since 2014 has been highly valued by his colleagues and Member States.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my strong conviction that the candidacy of Mr Valdis Dombrovskis for an important portfolio would ensure the necessary geographical balance in the next European Commission. Please find enclosed the Curriculum Vitae of Mr Valdis Dombrovskis.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours respectfully,



Krišjānis Kariņš

H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission



Valdis Dombrovskis is the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and the Capital Markets Union.

Prior to that, he served three consecutive terms as Prime Minister of Latvia, becoming the longest serving elected head of government in Latvia's history.

Before becoming European Commission Vice-President, Valdis Dombrovskis was elected for the second time as a Member of the European Parliament (first, 2004-2009) and Head of the Latvian Delegation in the EPP Group.

He served as a Member of the Saeima (Parliament) of Latvia (March 2004 - June 2004; January 2014 - June 2014) and was Latvia's Minister of Finance from 2002 to 2004.

Valdis Dombrovskis was born on 08/08/1963 in OMISSIS, Latvia. He graduated with a degree in physics from the University of Latvia (1993) and economics from Riga University of Technology (1995). He received his master's degree in physics in 1995 from the University of Latvia. In 1995 -1998, he worked as a research assistant at Mainz University, Germany, at the Institute of Solid-State Physics in Latvia and at the University of Maryland (USA).

Prior to joining politics, he worked as a senior economist and Chief Economist at the Bank of Latvia (1998-2002). Together with Anders Aslund, he co-authored the book "How Latvia came through the financial crisis", which was published in 2011.

In November 2014, Valdis Dombrovskis was awarded the Order of the Three Stars (*Triju Zvaigžņu ordenis*), the highest State Decoration of the Republic of Latvia.