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- Resignation of Mr Simon Busuttil

Delegations will find attached a copy of the abovementioned letter.

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Ms. Andreja Metelko-Zgombić
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Dear President,

By the present letter, I submit my resignation as member of the Panel foreseen by Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, with immediate effect.

I do this in view of the start of my new function as Secretary General of the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament from 1 March. I believe that standing down from the Panel is necessary and ethically correct in order to exclude altogether any risk, whether real or perceived, of any conflict of interest whatsoever with my new function.

Allow me to tell you, Mme. President, that it has been a true privilege to serve as a member of the Panel and I wish to thank all concerned for having given me this opportunity. In particular, I wish to thank the European Parliament for having entrusted me as its nominee as well as the President of the Panel, Christiaan Timmermans, the fellow members and the Secretariat provided by the Council.

I take this opportunity to transmit to you my sincere regards.



Simon Busuttill

Copy:
Christiaan Timmermans, President of the Panel foreseen by Article 255 TFEU
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