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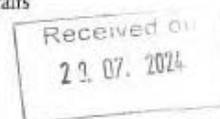
Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Mr Pieter Jan KLEIWEG DE ZWAAN, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union, forwarding the letter from Mr Dick SCHOOF, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, suggesting Mr Wopke HOEKSTRA as Member of the Commission.

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2024-2029

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Dear Madam President,

Herewith I am sending you a letter from Prime Minister Dick Schoof on the proposal for the Netherlands' Commissioner for the mandate 2024-2029.

Yours sincerely,

Pieter Jan Kleiweg de Zwaan
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU

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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

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Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission
BRUSSELS

No.: 4411252

The Hague, 23 July 2024

Dear President-elect Von der Leyen, *Dear Ursula,*

Congratulations on your re-election as president of the European Commission.
I look forward to our continued fruitful collaboration in the coming years.

Looking ahead at the composition of the new Commission, the Dutch government would like to propose to maintain Wopke Hoekstra as Commissioner for the mandate 2024-2029. The Dutch Government has every confidence that Wopke Hoekstra has the relevant experience, knowledge and skills to successfully and independently fulfil this position.

As incumbent Commissioner, Wopke Hoekstra has demonstrated to meaningfully contribute to European cooperation. I have every confidence that he will maintain to do so in the next term.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Schoof
Prime Minister of the Netherlands

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WOPKE HOEKSTRA

European Commissioner for Climate Action

Born on 01/01/1971, OISSIS, the Netherlands OISSIS

Party: EPP/CDA



CAREER

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR CLIMATE ACTION

OCTOBER 2023-CURRENT

With additional temporary portfolio responsibility for transport (July 2024 – current)

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

JANUARY 2022-SEPTEMBER 2023

MINISTER OF FINANCE

OCTOBER 2017-JANUARY 2022

MEMBER OF THE SENATE

2011-2017

MCKINSEY & COMPANY

2006-2017

Partner since 2013

COMMERCIAL POSITIONS AT SHELL

2002-2004

In Berlin, Hamburg and Rotterdam

EDUCATION

MBA | INSEAD FONTAINEBLEAU

2005

COURSES IN LAW AND ECONOMICS | LUISS ROME

2000

LAW | LEIDEN UNIVERSITY

1994-2001

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Until 2017, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Dutch National Maritime Museum, ambassador of the Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology, and board member of the Friends of the Hubrecht Institute for Developmental Biology and Stem Cell Research.