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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Mr Markku KEINÄNEN, Permanent Representative at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union, forwarding the letter from Mr Petteri ORPO, Prime Minister of Finland, suggesting Ms Henna VIRKKUNEN as Member of the Commission.

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**Permanent Representation of Finland to
the European Union**

19 August 2024

Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President
European Commission

Finland's candidate for the next European Commission

Dear President,

Please kindly find the attached letter of the Finland's candidate for the next European Commission and her CV.

Sincerely yours,

Markku Keinänen
Permanent Representative
Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union

Helsinki, 15 August 2024

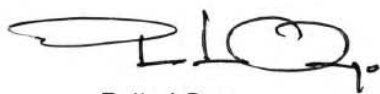
Dear Ms von der Leyen,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you on your re-election as the President of the European Commission.

In view of facilitating the formation of your Commission, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Government of Finland has nominated Henna Virkkunen as Finland's candidate for the next European Commission.

I wish you every success in your future tasks and look forward to working closely together with you and your forthcoming Commission.

Yours sincerely,



Petteri Orpo
Prime Minister of Finland

Attachment

Curriculum Vitae of Henna Virkkunen

Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect
European Commission

CURRICULUM VITAE

Henna Maria VIRKKUNEN

Member of the European Parliament. Born OMISSIS.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts, University of Jyväskylä	2000
Master of Arts, University of Jyväskylä	2001
Licentiate of Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä	2006

Professional career:

Member of the European Parliament	2014-
Minister of Transport and Local Government	2014
Minister of Public Administration and Local Government	2011-2014
Minister of Education	2008-2011
Member of Parliament, Electoral District of Central Finland	2007-2014
Research grant holder, University of Jyväskylä	2003-2006
Partner and communication planner, Medita Communication	1998-2003
Assistant spokesperson, University of Jyväskylä, Communications	1998
Journalist with the newspaper Keskisuomalainen and freelancer	1993-1998

Local and regional activities:

Jyväskylä City Councillor	1997-2016; 2021-
Chair, Jyväskylä City Council	2005-2008
Vice Chair of the Central Finland Regional Council	1999-2005
Member of the Central Finland Regional Council	1997-2004

Party political activities:

Vice-Chair of the National Coalition Party	2008-2014
Chair, Women's Section of the National Coalition Party	2008-2011
Chair, Central Finland Section of the National Coalition Party	2004-2006
Member of the Executive, National Coalition Party	2004-2006
Vice-Chair, Policy Committee of the National Coalition Party	1999-2004

Other roles

Member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council of Finland	2021-
Chair of Jyväskylän Kirittäret (Finnish female baseball team)	2020-
Chair of the Finnish Association for Horse Owners	2020-2024
Chair of the Finnish National Commission for UNESCO	2019-2022