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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Mr Carsten GRØNBECH-JENSEN, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the European Union, forwarding the letter from Ms Mette FREDERIKSEN, Prime Minister of Denmark, suggesting Mr Dan JØRGENSEN as Member of the Commission.

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**Danish Member of the European Commission**

Dear General Secretary of the Council,

Enclosed please find a letter and an annex from the Danish Prime Minister, Ms Mette Frederiksen, addressed to Ms Ursula von der Leyen, regarding the appointment of the Danish Member of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Carsten Grønbech-Jensen  
Ambassador, fast representative



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Copenhagen, 29 AUG. 2024

Dear President von der Leyen,

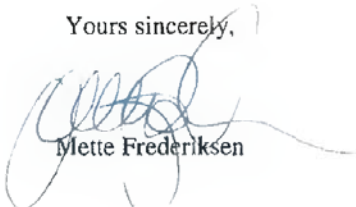
First of all, please allow me to formally congratulate you on your re-election as Commission President. Please rest assured of my continued and full support also during your next term at the helm of the Commission.

In response to your letter of 24 July, and as discussed with you on several occasions, I hereby put forward Mr. Dan Jørgensen – current Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy – as Denmark's candidate for commissioner, in accordance with Article 17 of the Treaty of the European Union. I greatly appreciate the conversations we have had about the nomination and portfolio.

As you know, Mr. Jørgensen has an impressive political career and has, in addition to his various ministerial portfolios, been a long-standing Member of the European Parliament. He has consistently demonstrated strong international competences and a commitment to the European project. I have no doubt that he will fulfil his duties as commissioner in an independent and successful manner.

I look forward to continuing our close cooperation and wish you and your forthcoming Commission every success in the tasks which lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mette Frederiksen

Her Excellency, Ursula von der Leyen.  
President of the European Commission  
Brussels, Belgium

## **DAN JØRGENSEN**

### **Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy**



#### **Member period**

- Member of the The Danish Parliament (Folketinget) for The Social Democratic Party in Funen greater constituency from 18 June 2015.
- Candidate for The Social Democratic Party in Middelfart nomination district from 2011.

#### **Parliamentary career**

- Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy from 15 December 2022
- Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities 27 June 2019 – 14 December 2022
- Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries 12 December 2013 – 28 June 2015.
- Vice-chairman of the parliamentary group of the Social Democratic Party 2017 – 2019.
- Member of the European Parliament 20 July 2004 – 11 December 2013:
- President of the Animal Welfare Intergroup.
- Vice-chairman of European Parliament Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.
- Head of the Danish delegation of Social Democrats in the European Parliament.

#### **Education**

- MSc (political science), Aarhus University, 2004.

#### **Employment**

- External lecturer, Seattle University, 2012-2013.
- External lecturer, Sciences Po, Paris, 2012-2013.
- External lecturer, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, 2011-2013.
- Adjunct Professor, Aalborg University, 2016.
- External lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, 2013.
- External lecturer, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2010.