



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The President-designate

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Dear President,

In reply to your letter of the 9 November and in light of the forthcoming hearings of the Commissioners-designate Messrs Frattini, Kovacs and Piebalgs, I have the honour of forwarding herewith their replies to the general questionnaire adopted by the Conference of Committee Chairmen in July, as well as their responses to the specific questionnaires adopted by the Parliamentary Committees.

In consideration of the time constraints, and in accordance with the agreement between our two Institutions, the replies are in English and French only, as indicated in your letter.

I wish to assure you that in spite of the very short timeframe, the three Commissioners-designate have placed great importance on this exercise. Furthermore, Messrs Frattini, Kovacs and Piebalgs will have the opportunity to respond to any additional questions that arise during the course of the forthcoming hearings on the 15 and 16 November.

Moreover, I would like to inform you that the declarations of interest of the Commissioners-designate will be made public in advance of the hearing by being posted on the internet site of the new Commission.

I would be very grateful if you would include the attached as an integral part of the package of questionnaires on the pages of the European Parliament's website dedicated to the hearings.

Yours sincerely,

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