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Sir,

The second paragraph of Article 246 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union stipulates that a vacancy at the European Commission caused by resignation, compulsory retirement or death shall be filled for the remainder of the Member's term of office by a new Member of the same nationality appointed by the Council, by common accord with the President of the Commission, after consulting the European Parliament.

On 29 May 2017, following the resignation of Ms Kristalina GEORGIEVA, the Council decided to consult the European Parliament on the appointment to the position of a member of the European Commission of:

- Ms Mariya GABRIEL [ref. 2017/0805 (NLE)]

The Council would be grateful if the European Parliament could kindly submit its opinion as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

For the Secretary General



Jim CLOOS