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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the presentation by the Commission President-elect of the College of Commissioners and their programme

pursuant to Rule 118(5), first subparagraph, of the Rules of Procedure

on election of the Commission  
(2014/2811(RSP))

**Guy Verhofstadt**  
on behalf of the ALDE Group

**European Parliament resolution on election of the Commission  
(2014/2811(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 106a of the Euratom Treaty,
  - having regard to the statements made by the President-elect of the Commission to Parliament on 15 July 2014,
  - having regard to the written answers given and oral statements made by each of the Commissioners-designate in the context of their hearings and the assessment of these hearings as set out in letters from the committee chairs to the President of Parliament,
  - having regard to the President-elect's formal presentation of a proposal for a new Commission on 10 September 2014,
  - having regard to Rule 118(5), first subparagraph, of, and Annex XVI to, its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to Article 17(3) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), the members of the Commission must be chosen on the grounds of their general competence and commitment to the European Union from persons whose independence is beyond doubt;
- B. whereas the hearings of the Commissioners-designate ensure that the investiture of the new Commission is open and transparent and that the Commissioners-designate fulfil the aforementioned criteria;
1. Reiterates the need for a Commission that strongly defends European interests and values, and that is fully motivated to exploit all the new instruments available following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in order to advance these objectives;
  2. Points out that President Juncker has not provided for a gender-balanced College of Commissioners and has not, therefore, met one of Parliament's main demands;
  3. Takes note of President Juncker's distribution of portfolios within the Commission and the new structure with seven Vice-Presidents; encourages him to place the relevant DGs and services under the full responsibility of the Vice-Presidents; notes that the President of the Commission is has sole responsibility for deciding on the internal organisation of the Commission, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and as a collegiate body, pursuant to Article 17(6) TEU;
  4. Calls, in the light of the letter received from Jean-Claude Juncker on 15 October 2014, for the allocation of roles to and distribution of responsibilities between Commissioners-designate Dombrovskis, Katainen and Moscovici not to impede the

institutional efficiency, transparency and democratic accountability of their missions both within and outside the EU (in particular with regard to the external representation of the euro);

5. Stresses that our assessment of Commissioner-designate Navracsics was negative as regards both his aptitude to be a Commissioner and the portfolio assigned to him, namely Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship; underlines, therefore, the fact that, as a strict minimum, a change of portfolio for the Commissioner-designate is essential;
6. Underlines the fact that the actions of Commissioner-designate Arias Cañete on promoting green growth and energy efficiency will be under tight scrutiny, in accordance with the commitments he took during his hearing;
7. Welcomes, in this connection, President Juncker's commitment to promoting green growth; stresses, however, that environmental sustainability must be more clearly integrated into the new Commission's growth strategy and that this task should be assigned to a Vice-President; underlines the fact that the new Commission must make a clear commitment to fully implementing the EU Environmental Action Programme to 2020, adopted by Parliament and the Council in November 2013;
8. Stresses that, in order to ensure adequate resources for the Union-wide investment plan, tackle the recurrent problem of outstanding payments and match with actions the initiatives and plans announced by the Council (e.g. the European Youth Guarantee), it is of the utmost importance that the new Commission launch the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020 as soon as possible;
9. Conditions its support for the College on the fulfilling of the above-mentioned points and reserves its final position until the President of the Commission has explicitly addressed these concerns;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council, the Council and the Commission.