

Ursula von der Leyen
President of the
European Commission
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Dear President von der Leyen,

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2023 requesting that I suggest a European Commissioner from the Netherlands following the resignation of Frans Timmermans. The Dutch government would like to propose that Wopke Hoekstra takes up this position.

The government has every confidence that the replacement procedure, as laid down in the Treaties, will be concluded swiftly, and that for the remainder of the Commission's term of office Mr Hoekstra will prove a competent Commissioner who will work in the spirit of European cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Rutte
Prime Minister of the Netherlands