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Dear President Schulz,

Further to my letter of 25 September 2014, I am pleased to confirm that Mr Dombrovskis, as Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, will manage and coordinate the participation of the Commission in the Council configuration "Economic and Financial Affairs", in the Eurogroup, in the economic dialogue with the European Parliament, in the Macroeconomic Dialogue and in the Governing Council of the European Central Bank, as well as for the preparation of the Tripartite Social Summits. And to do this, I have asked him to agree on pragmatic arrangements with the relevant Commissioners in the first weeks of the mandate.

Based on recent contacts, I can also confirm that Mr Moscovici, as Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, will indeed represent the Commission in the Eurogroup and ECOFIN in his area of responsibility. I must stress that myself and Vice-President Dombrovskis may decide to participate in such meetings when necessary, following past practices.

As regards participation in international meetings such as the G20 and IMF, these should be addressed in the pragmatic arrangements mentioned above. As a rule, I would expect the decision to be taken depending on the topics on the agenda, with due consideration to the need to provide continuity of contacts for our partners, but also to allow Commissioners to meet their EU obligations, notably to make themselves available for and to take an active part in European Parliament's plenary sessions and committee meetings, as well as trilogue negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

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