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Mr Bernd Lange
Chair
Conference of Committee Chairs

Dear Mr Lange,

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on 5 November 2024 with Magnus Brunner, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Internal Affairs and Migration.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, on 16 October 2024, our Committee received the letter from the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs with the outcome of the scrutiny of the declaration of financial interests of Mr Brunner, which was conducted pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 2 of Annex VII.

Our committee also took note of the replies provided by Mr Brunner to the written questions sent to him in preparation of the hearing.

The course of the confirmation hearing is described in the verbatim transcript of the proceedings, annexed to this letter.

On the basis of the oral interventions of the Members present at the confirmation hearing, as well as the comments made by my committee's coordinators, who met in camera after the confirmation hearing under my chairmanship, the general outcome of this confirmation hearing is that the Commissioner-designate gave a convincing impression of his aptitude to be a member of the College of Commissioners. The LIBE Committee, taking careful note of his commitment to appropriately involve and inform Parliament at all stages of the negotiation and implementation of strategic partnerships with third countries as well as his commitment to further support legal pathways for migration, also believed that he has the competences required to carry out the specific tasks assigned to him.

Consequently, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the LIBE coordinators representing a large majority of more than two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group agreed that Commissioner-designate Magnus Brunner is qualified both to be a member of the College of Commission and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to him.

During the evaluation meeting, the Coordinator of the Europe of Sovereign Nations Group (ESN) requested the inclusion of a minority view, which is included in Annex I.

The opinion of the DEVE committee, which was invited to participate in the confirmation hearing, is included in Annex II.

We would be grateful if you could bring this evaluation to the attention of the Conference of Presidents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Zarzalejos', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Javier Zarzalejos

Chair
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Annexes:

- Annex I: Minority view of the Europe of Sovereign Nations Group (ESN)
- Annex II: Opinion of the Committee on Development (DEVE)
- Annex III: Verbatim transcript

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Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

Annex I: Minority view of the Europe of Sovereign Nations Group (ESN)

ESN stands in fundamental opposition against the terrible policies on migration that the EU applies, such as open external borders, lack of internal border controls, laxism towards illegal migrants, and laxism on islamic extremism and terrorism.

Given the statements of commissioner-designate Brunner during the hearing the ESN-Group considers him as not qualified to be member of the College and not qualified to carry out the particular duties that are assigned to him.

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Mr Javier Zarzalejos
Chair
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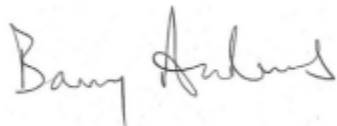
Dear Chair,

The Committee on Development, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Mr Magnus Brunner, which took place on 5 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of the external aspects of migration, in particular as regards partnerships with developing countries, and other EU policies on migration and mobility which strongly impact developing countries.

The Committee on Development expressed concern regarding the detail of the candidate's answers on Search and Rescue and on third country agreements, invites the Commissioner-designate to review the current practices, and intends to follow up on these issues in due course within the remit of the Committee on Development.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing at least a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Andrews