

Committee on Foreign Affairs
The Chair

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Bernd Lange
Chair, Conference of Committee Chairs
European Parliament

Subject: Evaluation of Marta KOS, Commissioner-designate for Enlargement

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Foreign Affairs in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on Thursday 7 November 2024 with Marta KOS, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be the Commissioner for Enlargement.

On 16 October 2024 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 3 of Annex VII thereto, received the letter from the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs regarding the scrutiny of the declaration of financial interests of Ms KOS.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, Parliament had sent the Commissioner-designate a list of written questions. The Committee on Foreign Affairs noted that Ms KOS answered those questions in a satisfactory manner.

The course of the confirmation hearing is described in the verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

Opinions of the committees invited to participate in the confirmation hearing are annexed to this letter.

On the basis of the comments made by the coordinators of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, who met in camera after the confirmation hearing under my chairmanship, I hereby give the following assessment of her:

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chairman

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David McAllister
Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

D 308605 07.11.2024

Subject: *LIBE Committee opinion on the Confirmation Hearing of Marta KOS*

Dear Mr McALLISTER,

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) was invited to the confirmation hearing of the Commissioner-designate for Enlargement, Marta KOS, which took place on Thursday 7 November 2024.

As part of its assessment following the hearing, the LIBE Committee underlined and welcomed the Commissioner-designate's strong commitment to uphold the rule of law as a fundamental principle in the enlargement process throughout her mandate. The Committee considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be a member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the LIBE Committee's remit.

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

Yours sincerely,



Javier ZARZALEJOS, Chair of the LIBE Committee

cc:

Bernd LANGE, Conference of Committee Chairs
Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

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Mr David McAllister,
Chair of the Committee on Foreign
Affairs

Opinion by AFCO as invited committee to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Marta Kos

Dear Mr McAllister,

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) was invited to the AFET confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Marta Kos, which took place today, 7th November 2024.

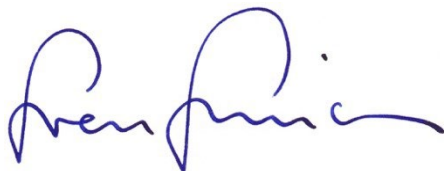
In her answers to Parliament's written questions, Commissioner-designate Marta Kos showed her commitment to contribute to the ambitious reform agenda so that the EU is prepared for enlargement.

She further mentioned that while unanimity has to be preserved in some steps of the enlargement process, such as the start and end of negotiations, in other (interim) steps, such as the opening and closing of individual clusters, qualified majority voting could be considered in accordance with the Treaties

Having regard to the foregoing, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, considers that Commissioner-designate Kos is qualified to be a member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned as regards the institutional reforms needed in view of the future enlargement.

This opinion has been adopted by AFCO coordinators representing a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Sven Simon
Chair of AFCO Committee

Cc: Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

Minority view of the Patriots for Europe on the evaluation of Marta KOS, Commissioner-designate for Enlargement

The Patriots for Europe Group was not satisfied with Commissioner-designate Kos' responses during her confirmation hearing. Ms Kos deliberately did not answer repeated questions on how she intends to ensure that she approaches and deals with all political groups and Members equally, without ideological bias. The view that she presented during the confirmation hearing made it clear, that she has an ideological, politically driven motivation when it comes to approaching accession countries. It was clear, that in case of certain countries ideological conditionality is present, and in case of others, the merit-based approach is overruled by certain political considerations. Commissioner-designate's responses on denying her involvement in the Communist Services in the former Yugoslavia were less than convincing, which potentially could undermine the perception of her and her integrity and of the EU in the region.