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The Chairs



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Bernd Lange
Chair
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Dear Mr Lange,

The Committee on Development, the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on 6 November 2024 with Ms Hadja Lahbib, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Preparedness and Crisis Management; and for Equality.

On 16 October 2024 all four Committees, 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 Lahbib.

Our committees also took note of the replies provided by Ms Lahbib to the written questions sent to her in preparation of the hearing.

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

The opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, which was invited to participate in the confirmation hearing, is in Annex I.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the coordinators representing a large majority of at least two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group approved that the Commissioner-designate Hadja Lahbib, is qualified both to be a member of the College of Commission and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to her.

During the evaluation meeting, the coordinators of the Patriots for Europe group requested the inclusion of a minority view, which 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,

			
Barry Andrews Chair The Committee on Development	Lina Gálvez Chair The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	Javier Zarzalejos Chair The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	Antonio Decaro Chair The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Annex:

- Annex I: Opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
- Annex II: Minority view of the Patriots for Europe group

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The Chair

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Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate for Preparedness and Crisis Management / Equality, Hadja LAHBIB, which took place on Wednesday 6 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned with regard to her portfolio in the fields of employment and social affairs.

The EMPL Committee counts on the Commissioner-designate, if she is confirmed, to propose new initiatives on improving women's labour market participation, in particular with regard to tackling violence and harassment at the workplace and facilitating the return of parents, especially mothers, to the labour market. The EMPL Committee also would like to see strong commitments for new initiatives under the Disability Rights Strategy for the coming five years in light of the UN CRPD, and with regard to mainstreaming of disability rights throughout all EU policies.

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

I would like to thank you in advance for taking this opinion into consideration.



Li Andersson

cc. Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs

Annex II: Minority view of the Patriots for Europe group

The Patriots for Europe Group cannot support the Commissioner-designate for Preparedness and Crisis Management; Equality Ms Lahbib. The answers she provided by her confirmation hearing to the questions of the Members of the European Parliament were unsatisfactory and vague. She failed to be presented as an impartial actor which would be highly needed in the light of current ongoing crises. Her statements regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights violated policy areas belonging to national competencies. She is committed to pursuing biased ideological policies that have been widely criticized by EU citizens as well as by partner countries.