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Mr Bernd LANGE
Chair
Conference of Committee Chairs

Subject: Evaluation of Mrs Jessika Roswall, Commissioner-designate for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

Dear Mr Lange,

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 5 November 2024 with Jessika Roswall, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy.

On 16 October 2024, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, 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 Jessika Roswall.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, Parliament had sent the Commissioner-designate a list of written questions. My committee noted that Ms Roswall answered those questions and dealt with the priorities outlined in a satisfactory manner.

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

On the basis of the responses 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, I hereby give the following assessment of her:

Commissioner-designate Roswall has adequately demonstrated her personal qualifications, European commitment, and aptitude as regards the environmental policy area. During the confirmation hearing, Mrs. Roswall made specific commitments regarding her future action which are reflected in the verbatim.

The general outcome of this confirmation hearing is that the Commissioner-designate gave a convincing impression.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the ENVI coordinators representing a large majority of at least two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group approved that the Commissioner-designate Jessika Roswall, 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 PfE, Left and ESN groups requested the inclusion of minority views, which are annexed to this letter (Annex I).

Opinions of committees invited to participate in the confirmation hearing are annexed to this letter (Annex II).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Decaro', written in a cursive style.

Antonio DECARO

Copy:

- Anna CAVAZZINI, Chair of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- Borys BUDKA, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Veronika VRECIANOVA, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Annex I

Minority views

Annex II

Opinions of the invited committees

Annex II - Minority positions
Evaluation - Commissioner-designate Jessika Roswall

PfE

The Patriots for Europe Group cannot support the Commissioner-designate for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy, Ms Roswall. The answers she provided to the questions posed by the Patriots for Europe Group were unsatisfactory and vague. In particular, she will prioritize the enforcement and implementation of all existing legislation already adopted under the European Green Deal, refusing to consider any review. She will push forward the full and timely implementation of many legislations that will negatively affect our citizens, businesses and farmers, including the Nature Restoration Law and the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation. It is clear that she will continue the ideological green policies that have been widely criticized by EU citizens.

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The candidate did not exhibit the appropriate personal qualifications or experience for this portfolio, or an understanding of the challenges inherent to the role. Moreover, the priorities laid out by the Commissioner-designate do not adequately respond to the triple planetary crisis, and indeed may even take the EU down a wrong direction. Moreover, her track-record as minister in Sweden proves that she is not a suitable candidate for the portfolio of Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy. The Swedish government - of which she has been a minister- has consistently failed to meet EU climate targets, while at the same time, it is defunding climate action. They have been trying to delay and dilute the Green Deal, were against the Nature Restoration Legislation and the European Deforestation Regulation. The candidate has shown little to no interest in increased ambitions or to respond to the crisis we face with a stronger and more suitable action plan.

ESN

The ESN group cannot support Ms Roswall, even though she said some positive things in her speech, for example when she emphasised the importance of competitiveness, which must not be neglected when taking action to protect the environment, or when she talked about the need to reduce bureaucratic hurdles. Nevertheless, Mrs Roswall, like Mrs von der Leyen, wants to stick with the Green Deal and thus with the so-called climate policy, while still promoting competitiveness. This is not possible. Furthermore, she does not show a clear position in dealing with the wolf problem. People in rural areas, farmers and ranchers will continue to be left alone with their fears and concerns. In addition, the recently tightened Air Quality Directive is still not enough for her, which will effectively lead to further driving bans in European cities. Finally, Mrs Roswall, like Mrs von der Leyen, believes that environmental problems should primarily be solved at EU level, which contradicts the principle of subsidiarity. All in all, for the reasons stated, it is not possible for the ESN Group to support Ms Roswall. We therefore reject her candidacy.

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
The Chair

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Addressee:

Mr Antonio Decaro, Chair of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Opinion by IMCO as invited committee to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Jessika Roswall

Dear Mr Decaro,

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) has been invited to the ENVI confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Jessika Roswall, which took place on 5 November 2024.

IMCO 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 in the field of environment, water resilience and a competitive circular economy, with regard to the parts of her portfolio, which fall to a substantial extent within the responsibility of IMCO, namely single market for waste, secondary materials and sustainable products.

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

Yours sincerely,



Anna Cavazzini
IMCO Chair

Cc: Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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Mr Antonio Decaro
Chair
Committee on the Environment,
Public Health and Food Safety

Ref.: D (2024) 32294

Subject: ITRE opinion on the evaluation of Ms Jessika Roswall, Commissioner-designate for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Jessika Roswall, which took place on 5 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned.

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

Yours sincerely,



Elena DONAZZAN
ITRE Vice-Chair

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
THE CHAIR

Antonio Decaro
Chair of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
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Dear Chair,

On 5 November, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) was invited to participate in the confirmation hearing of Ms Jessika Roswall, Commissioner-designate for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy. The meeting was organised by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

The hearing, and the answers to the written questions she had provided previously, gave the impression that Ms Roswall was capable of taking on the responsibilities relating to AGRI to be entrusted to her.

Consequently, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Annex VII thereof, AGRI coordinators, representing a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group, agreed that Ms Jessika Roswall, Commissioner-designate for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy, is qualified to be a member of the College and to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned, as far as AGRI remit is concerned.

Yours sincerely,



Veronika Vrecionová

CC: Mr Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of the Committee Chairs