European Council appoints the new Commission

The European Council, following approval by the European Parliament today, has appointed a new European Commission for the period from 10 February 2010 to 31 October 2014¹.

In accordance with the decision, which will take effect on 10 February, the following are appointed to the Commission:

– as President:

José Manuel Durão Barroso (Portugal)

– as member, vice-president, pursuant to Article 18(4) of the Treaty on European Union: Catherine Ashton (United Kingdom), High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy:

– as members:

Joaquin Almunia Amann (Spain)

¹ The decision was taken by written procedure
László Andor (Hungary)
Michel Barnier (France)
Dacian Cioloș (Romania)
John Dalli (Malta)
Maria Damanaki (Greece)
Karel De Gucht (Belgium)
Štefan Füle (Czech Republic)
Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Ireland)
Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)
Johannes Hahn (Austria)
Connie Hedegaard (Denmark)
Siim Kallas (Estonia)
Neelie Kroes (The Netherlands)
Janusz Lewandowski (Poland)
Cecilia Malmström (Sweden)
Günther H. Oettinger (Germany)
Andris Piebalgs (Latvia)
Janez Potočnik (Slovenia)
Viviane Reding (Luxembourg)
Olli Rehn (Finland)
Maroš Šefčovič (Slovakia)
Algirdas Gediminas Šemeta (Lithuania)
Antonio Tajani (Italy)

Androulla Vassiliou (Cyprus)

The Treaty on the European Union provides that:

"The President, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the other members of the Commission will be subject as a body to a vote of consent by the European Parliament. The Commission will be then appointed by the European Council."