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Subject: Changes to Commissioner Jørgensen's mission letter

Considering that the Energy and Housing Commissioner, Dan Jørgensen, as stated in the updated version of his mission letter, has been entrusted with the responsibility of establishing a new target for renewable energy to be achieved by 2040;

Taking into account that this update was introduced after the parliamentary approval of the Commissioner, without prior political consultation;

Recalling that the principle of technological neutrality is a fundamental policy pillar that ensures an equitable and science-based approach to decarbonisation;

Recalling that such a principle entails the full use of all available technologies, including low-carbon technologies such as nuclear energy and particularly small modular reactors (SMRs), and provides greater energy supply security while protecting industrial competitiveness;

Can the Commission explain:

1. Why a political debate was not held prior to the above-mentioned modification to Commissioner Jørgensen's mission letter;

2. Whether it plans to adopt an integrated approach to include specific and complementary targets for low-carbon technologies, in order to ensure a realistic and sustainable pathway toward decarbonisation;

3. What measures it intends to promote to encourage the development and application of nuclear technologies such as SMRs, in line with the need for diversification of energy sources and the need to promote the industrial growth of the EU.

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