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Ursula von der Leyen suggesting Mr Piotr Serafin as Member of the
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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Mr Donald TUSK, Prime Minister of Poland,
suggesting Mr Piotr SERAFIN as Member of the Commission.

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Prime Minister
Republic of Poland

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Donald Tusk

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H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission

Dear Ursula,

On behalf of the Polish Government it is my pleasure to officially inform you of Poland's candidate for a member of the European Commission in the upcoming term (2024-2029).

The Council of Ministers has decided to nominate Mr. Piotr Serafin, the incumbent Permanent Representative to the EU, an accomplished diplomat and civil servant who has held a number of posts both in the EU institutions and national administration, including deputy Head of Cabinet of EU Commissioner for Budget, Secretary of State for European Affairs in the Polish Government, Head of Cabinet of the European Council's President, as well as director at the General Secretariat of the Council.

His extensive experience, competences and long-standing European commitment guarantee the highest level of professionalism and independence which will make a significant contribution to the action of the European Commission.

I am looking forward to your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely
Donald Tusk

Biographical note

Piotr Serafin.

Born in OMIŚCISKA, graduated from economics at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics, and from law at the University of Warsaw. A postgraduate student of European integration at the University of Sussex.

In 1998 he began his professional career at the Office of the Committee for European Integration (UKIE). In 2004, he was appointed director of the Analysis and Strategy Department of UKIE. Between 16 January 2008 and 31 December 2009, he was Undersecretary of State at UKIE and National Aid Coordinator for the Phare and Transition Facility programmes.

Following the merging of UKIE and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in 2010, he was appointed Undersecretary of State at MFA. In February 2010, Serafin was appointed the deputy head of Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Financial Programming and Budget Janusz Lewandowski.

From 22 May 2012 to 24 September 2014, he served as the Secretary of State at MFA, at the same time being Prime Minister's plenipotentiary for coordination of Prime Minister's participation in the European Council meetings.

On 1 December 2014, he took the position of the Head of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk. He concluded his service in this role in November 2019.

Between 2020 and 2023, he was the Director of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

On 13 December 2023, Serafin was nominated the acting Permanent Representative of Poland to the European Union.

Awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (2014), Commander of the Order of Merit of Romania (2020).

Foreign language proficiency: English, French.