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**COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY  
COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY**

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Jerzy Buzek  
Chair  
Conference of Committee Chairs

Dear Chair,

In accordance with Rule 118 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) held a public hearing on Wednesday, 1 October 2014 with Mr Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Climate Action and Energy.

After the hearing and in accordance with Annex XVI to the Rules of Procedure, the Coordinators of the ENVI and ITRE Committees met on 2 and 7 October 2014 to evaluate the Commissioner-designate but were unable to reach a consensus on the evaluation. Therefore and at the request of the GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA and EFDD Groups, we convened a full joint committee meeting, which took place on 8 October 2014.

At that meeting, no consensus was reached on the evaluation and therefore the ENVI and ITRE Committees proceeded to vote by secret ballot. The Committees decided, by 83 votes in favour, 42 against and 3 abstentions that Mr Arias Cañete was qualified to be a member of the College of Commissioners, and by 77 votes in favour, 48 against and 3 abstentions, that he was qualified to carry out the particular duties assigned to him.

We would be grateful if you could bring this assessment to the attention of the Conference of Presidents.

Yours sincerely,

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Jerzy Buzek