

The President

Ms Lucy Nethsingha
Chair
Committee on Legal Affairs

Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter concerning the examination of the declaration of financial interests of Commissioner-designate for Transport, Ms Rovana Plumb.

I understand from your letter that the Legal Affairs Committee (JURI) at its meeting today decided that there are concerns with regard to a potential conflict of interests in connection with the portfolio of the Commissioner for Transport. As a result, pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 2 of Annex VII of our Rules of Procedure, the procedure for appointing Commissioner-designate Rovana Plumb is suspended.

In accordance with Article 2 paragraph 3c of Annex VII of our Rules of Procedure, JURI should specify what precise measures it recommends at this stage.

I would therefore be grateful if you could let me know whether JURI will draw up recommendations aimed at resolving an actual or potential conflict of interests or, as a last resort, will conclude that Commissioner-designate Rovana Plumb is unable to exercise her functions in accordance with the Treaties and the Code of Conduct.

In the latter case, I would then address the President-elect of the Commission to assess what further steps she intends to take.

I would appreciate if JURI could provide its recommendations or conclusion by Monday, 30 September 2019, noon.

Yours sincerely,



David Maria SASSOLI