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## EPP Group pandering to far-right jeopardises new Commission Commissioner hearings

On postponed decision-making on Commissioners designate **Terry Reintke MEP**, President of the Greens/EFA Group, comments:

*“The EPP’s irresponsible and short sighted political games are jeopardising the democratic alliance of this house. Through their desperation to form unscrupulous alliances with the far-right, the EPP is undermining the democratic process of evaluating the skills of candidate Commissioners. Their cheap politics and shady manoeuvres are creating damaging instability in the EU institutions at a time when the international context has become increasingly hostile to European integration.*”

*“Relevant parts of the EPP have become totally unreliable and divisive. This attitude contrasts bitterly with our position, which has been clear from the outset with all the players: Commissioner Varhelhyi’s portfolio must be reshuffled and the Executive Vice-presidency withdrawn from Mr Fitto.”*

**Bas Eickhout MEP**, President of the Greens/EFA Group, comments:

*“The pro-European democratic majority has now been put in jeopardy by the EPP’s reckless insistence in supporting a far-right candidate who is not fit to be Executive Vice-President. Raffaele Fitto has clearly demonstrated that he does not uphold the values of the European Union and in his hearing he has shown a complete lack of competence and interest in the topics covered in his portfolio.*”

*“From the start of this new mandate we, the Greens/EFA Group, have expressed our desire to participate in a constructive democratic majority. By voting to reappoint Ursula Von der Leyen as head of the Commission, we have enabled her to be elected by a pro-European majority rooted in democratic values. We call on all democratic groups to come back to the negotiation table and find a compromise that will ensure the Commission can get to work.”*

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