

## Model mission letter: Commissioner for International Partnerships

**I would like to entrust you with the role of Commissioner for International Partnerships.**

Commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including global inequality reduction and furthering the wellbeing of people and the planet should be at the heart of your mission backed up by the requisite funding. In your work, you should regard civil society as a genuine partner while ensuring policy coherence for sustainable development.

- You will ensure the Commission's development policy objectives, as set out in the Treaties, remain at the heart of the International Partnerships portfolio.
- You will promote equitable partnerships for the sustainable development of partner countries, in line with the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, ensuring transparency, accountability and fairness in EU decision-making regarding international, regional, and bilateral relations.
- You should prioritise global inequality reduction by addressing its root causes, including by focusing policies on the experiences and demands of discriminated groups, marginalised communities and fragile countries. You will work to ensure that all EU programmes benefit to a larger extent the poorest 40 percent of people. To achieve this objective, you will coordinate your work closely with Commissioners for Economy, Trade and Agriculture.
- You will firmly prioritise the wellbeing of people and the planet in decision-making, focusing on human development and human security, environmental integrity and long-term peace to create equitable societies, in collaboration with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR/VP).
- I want you to continue to recognise civil society as a key strategic partner, and commit to structured dialogue at all policy stages, ensuring transparency, accountability, and autonomy in the process. You will also defend civic space, human rights and democracy by actively using resources to prevent the shrinking of CSO funding and civic space.
- I want you to embed human rights and gender equality as cornerstones of EU external action, and ensure dignity and respect for all individuals by fully and comprehensively implementing the Gender Action Plan III, the Human Rights and Democracy Action Plan, and the LGBTIQ+ and disability rights strategies, as well as other rights-based agendas. You will work with the HR/VP to ensure that a rights-based approach is at the heart of our approach to our priorities, especially with regards to migration, trade and security.
- You will ensure that the EU dedicates sufficient funding for sustainable development, including especially to the least developed countries and fragile states. Our spending on sustainable development must align with the 2030 Agenda and you will be responsible for monitoring the impact of the NDICI - Global Europe on equality, including through regular consultations with civil society. In parallel, you will work to increase the transparency and accountability of funds entrusted to all partners and ensure that the proposals for future funding instruments and priorities align with the priorities highlighted in this mission letter.
- You will commit to policy coherence for sustainable development at the leadership level and regularly contribute to the Commission's impact assessments following a dedicated plan that includes institutional mechanisms to assess and address the impact of EU policies on partner countries. You will work closely with your colleagues in the College to identify and address instances where the EU has unfair practices that affect partner countries disproportionately or negatively.

As a rule, you will work in coordination with the High Representative/Vice-President. The Directorate-General for International Partnerships will support you in your work.

