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Ref: Submission of corrective measures for 2025 to avoid opening an excessive deficit procedure against Austria

Dear Commissioner Dombrovskis, *Dear Valdis,*

I would like to thank the European Commission for the good cooperation so far in the Austrian case, in order to provide the potential incoming Austrian government with the opportunity for maximum national ownership in these challenging times. In particular, I would like to thank the Commission for submitting an updated reference path on 18th of December 2024 and also for agreeing to extend the deadline for the submission of the first Austrian medium-term fiscal-structural plan until 30th of April 2025. This gives the potentially incoming Austrian government the opportunity to present a credible plan based on a firm political commitment.

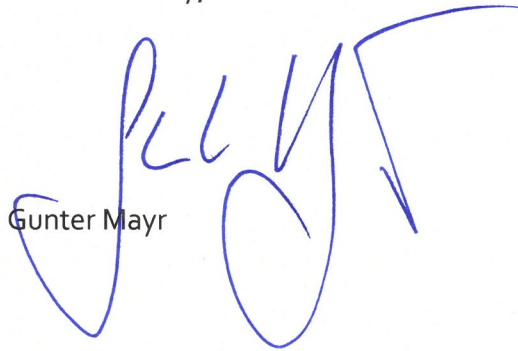
Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen officially appointed Herbert Kickl of the FPÖ/Austrian Freedom Party to form a government on the 6th of January 2025. On the 10th of January, official negotiations started between the FPÖ and ÖVP/Austrian People's Party. On behalf of the political parties, I am pleased to inform you that both parties are firmly committed to avoiding an excessive deficit procedure and to ambitiously steering Austria's budgetary situation in a fiscally sustainable and growth-promoting direction.

Against this background, please find attached a signed comprehensive and credible package of measures for the year of 2025 that will reduce the budget deficit to below 3% of GDP in 2025 on a lasting basis. Information on those measures will be published on the website

www.budget.gv.at. After this first big step, negotiations will continue to submit the Austrian medium-term fiscal-structural plan by the end of April 2025 and to subsequently adopt the necessary measures to comply with the Austrian net expenditure path.

I am always available for further discussion and clarification and like to once again thank you dearly for our excellent cooperation

Yours sincerely,



Gunter Mayr