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Dear Secretary General,  
Dear Jacob,

It is with great pleasure that I, as party leader of VVD, nominate Hans van Baalen for a new term as our ALDE Party President. This would be his third and final mandate as Party President.

Over the last two mandates, Hans has proven to be a strong, dedicated leader who was able to give clear political guidance in a way that brought liberals together. His hands-on and uniting mentality has helped to strengthen the ALDE Party as a facilitating force for our Member Parties. He has struck the right balance between the ALDE members in the European Council, the ALDE EU Commissioners, the ALDE MEPs and the ALDE Member Parties.

Together with the Bureau, the Secretariat and our Member Parties, he made sure that our political family is now, more than ever, a force to be reckoned with. The ALDE family is currently at the heart of European politics, thanks to the team effort he was proud to lead. Now that he decided not to seek another political mandate in order to give way to a new generation, he can devote even more time and energy to do his job as ALDE Party President. As you know, the ALDE Party Presidency is in no way connected to membership of the European Parliament.

We need Hans more than ever because in the coming years the Renew Europe Group in the European Parliament, our members in the European Council, our members in the European Commission and our Member Parties should find a new balance which he will promote and support. VVD will continue to give him and the ALDE Party the support they need.

Over the past years, Hans did not represent VVD. As ALDE Party President, he was and will be the President of all liberals.

"Liberals Must Unite", was and will remain his motto. I hope our Member Parties will support Hans for a final term as our ALDE Party President at the ALDE Congress in Athens end of October.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Mark Rutte', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Mark Rutte, VVD Party leader