

## **Press Statement**

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The election of one of Malta's first female MEPs to such a prominent post in the highest echelons of political debate and decision-making in the European Union is truly promising. Being the youngest EP President ever elected and the third female President of the European Parliament, Dr Metsola is a significant role model towards the achievement of equality in political decision-making in Malta and beyond.

Dr Metsola's commitment towards the European Union's common values and principles of equality, diversity, the celebration of differences, and equal opportunities as well as her commitment to serve as an ally to the vulnerable and to persons who suffer discrimination, is truly an inspiration that will enhance the achievement of equality in the European society at large.

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