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SECOND VON DER LEYEN ERA ON TRACK TO START DEC. 1

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyens second term is on course to begin Dec. 1 after the blocs political families on Wednesday struck a long-awaited deal to complete her top team.

Under control! shouted Parliament President Roberta Metsola, stepping out of a room where members of the European Parliament had sealed the deal. Metsola preemptively invoked the meetings, in which the final commissioners were to be approved, to prevent the timetable from slipping into next week, a Parliament official said.

Von der Leyen herself was in the Parliament for high-level talks Wednesday, added the official, who was granted anonymity to speak freely about the meeting.

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