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Today, in her statement at the European Parliament Plenary, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, candidate for a second mandate 2024-2029, underlined the extremely concerning housing crisis that is affecting EU citizens of all ages and nationalities. If re-elected, Mrs von der Leyen will appoint a Housing Commissioner who would develop a European Affordable Housing Plan.

Our President, Cédric de Meeûs, and Vice-Presidents, Christophe Clemente and Pascal Eveillard, stated that we stand ready to support the new Commission, and the proposed Housing Commissioner in particular, alongside Member States to bring forward efficient, affordable, and resilient solutions as the right to adequate housing is a fundamental human right. More so, based on the foreseen drive towards a new Clean Industrial Deal, Construction Products Europe would encourage to appoint a Housing and Construction Commissioner. Given the economic role of the construction sector, we need a strategic and holistic approach to housing and construction.

The responses to the challenges of affordability, sustainability and competitiveness of the construction sector will not only deliver social solutions but also allow us to meet our climate goals.

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