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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to the Commission Decision of 31 January 2018 (C(2018) 700 final) on a Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission, and in particular Article 11(3) thereof,

Considering that:

- 1) According to Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Members of the Commission, when entering upon their duties, shall give a solemn undertaking that, both during and after their term of office, they will respect the obligations arising therefrom and, in particular, their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits.
- 2) Article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides that the Members of the institutions of the Union shall be required, even after their duties have ceased, not to disclose information of any kind covered by the obligation of professional secrecy, in particular information about undertakings, their business relations or their cost components.
- 3) Article 11 of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission establishes a specific procedure for the assessment of planned professional activities which the Members or former Members of the Commission intend to take up after they have ceased to hold office. The Commission shall examine the information provided in order to determine whether the nature of the planned activity is compatible with Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. If the planned activity is related to the portfolio of the Member or former Member, the Commission shall decide only after having consulted the Independent Ethical Committee unless the planned activity falls within the exceptions foreseen in subparagraphs 3 (a) to (f), notably as concerns academic activities (Art. 11(3) (d)).
- 4) Commissioner Tibor Navracsics informed the Commission on 1 October about his intention to be employed, as of 1 November 2019, as Associate Professor at the Institute of Political Science of the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University. Commissioner Navracsics furthermore confirmed on 4 October 2019 that his envisaged assignment with this University will only cover teaching activities and

publications and will not involve managing responsibilities or other activities related to obtaining EU funding.

- 5) The Commission considered the nature of Commissioner Navracsics' envisaged post term of office activity and came to the conclusion that it corresponds to the category mentioned in subparagraph 11(3)(d) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission. Commissioner Navracsics was an associate professor at this university before he joined the Commission and a teaching activity is not directly related to his current policy portfolio of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport. Against this background, the Commission considered that the consultation of the Independent Ethical Committee was not necessary. The Commission also noted that the envisaged academic activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with Commissioner Navracsics' former function as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the Institution.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Commissioner Tibor Navracsics' envisaged activity as Associate Professor at the Institute of Political Science of the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University, to be taken up after his term of office, is compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Done at Brussels, on 13 November 2019.

*The President*  
*Jean-Claude Juncker*