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DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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**on the establishment of a Commissioners' Project Group on the Vision for Agriculture
and Food**

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the 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's Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Whereas the Commission's work to prepare and implement a Vision for Agriculture and Food requires cooperation across a number of portfolios to deliver the best results.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

(1) A Project Group on the Vision for Agriculture and Food is set up to support delivering on this project. It shall facilitate the joint work in line with the Political Guidelines and the Mission Letters.

(2) Without prejudice to the decision-making process of the College and the responsibility of the collegial preparatory bodies, the Project Group shall ensure timely preparation and provide political steer for the development of the initiatives and implementation of priorities. It shall notably coordinate the work to present in the first 100 days the Vision for Agriculture and Food to ensure the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of the farming and food sector. It shall ensure that the vision draws on the report of the Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU Agriculture as well as on the Draghi report, the Letta report and the Niinistö report.

(3) The Project Group shall work on strengthening the EU's food security and the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of our EU farming and food sector, fostering its attractiveness for the next generation of farmers, while ensuring the sustainability, safety and affordability of food.

(4) The Project Group will coordinate the work to ensure that farmers have a fair and sufficient income and improve farmers' position in the value chain.

(5) The Project Group shall consolidate the linkages with actions to prevent and reduce food waste.

(6) The Project Group shall reinforce investment and innovation in farming and food systems. It shall seek to improve the fair remuneration for various nature services and the

standing of farmers in the food chain.

(7) The Project Group shall ensure that the actions to take forward the vision for Agriculture and Food are designed with the need for simple and easy to implement policies in mind.

(8) The Project Group shall give an impulse to the Commission's dialogue with farming communities, agri-food businesses, consumers and other stakeholders.

(9) The Project Group shall oversee the operationalisation of the Vision for Agriculture and Food.

Article 2

(1) The Commissioner for Agriculture and Food shall chair the Project Group

(2) The composition of the Project Group shall be as follows:

- Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition,
- Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy,
- Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms,
- Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security; Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency,
- Commissioner for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification,
- Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare,
- Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth,
- Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans,
- Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy,
- Commissioner for Budget, Anti-Fraud and Public Administration, and
- Commissioner for Agriculture and Food.

(3) The President may decide to attend and chair the Project Group. Other Executive Vice-Presidents and Commissioners may participate in relevant meetings of the Project Group and contribute to the work on invitation by the chair.

(4) The chair decides for each meeting if participants can be accompanied by one or more staff members, either from the Cabinet or Services.

(5) The Secretary-General of the Commission or a Deputy Secretary-General, the Director-General of the Legal Service or his or her Delegate, the Director General of Directorate-General for Communication or his or her Deputy, and the Cabinet of the President, have standing invitations to attend the meetings of the Project Group.

Article 3

(1) The Secretariat-General shall ensure the secretariat of the Project Group.

(2) The secretariat shall assist in the organisation of the Project Group's meetings and prepare draft agendas. The secretariat shall ensure the timely preparation and/or circulation of meeting documents (short discussion notes, background).

(3) The agendas of meetings of the Project Group shall be decided by the chair in agreement with the Cabinet of the President. Participants may suggest items to be included in the agenda.

(4) The chair shall draw the conclusions of the meeting which shall be circulated by the secretariat. The conclusions shall be published on the Commission website unless the chair decides otherwise depending on the nature of the discussions.

Article 4

(1) The Project Group is established for an initial period of one year.

(2) The Project Group may continue to operate subsequently if the President decides to renew its mandate under the same or revised terms.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2025.

The President

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