DECLARATION ON THE HONOUR OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE DUTIES OF SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE COMMISSION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Special Envoy:
Surname: McGuinness **First name: Mairead**

Terms of reference of the Special Envoy:

Office of Commissioner: BRUNNER
Surname: Wintestein **First name: Alexander**

The European Commission intends to offer Ms Mairead McGuinness a contract as Special Envoy. This contract is governed by Article 5 and Articles 123 and 124[1] of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS) of the European Union, which lay down the rights and obligations of Special Advisers (see Annex), and by the Rules Governing Special Advisers[2].

Attention is drawn in particular to the obligations that **the function of Special Enovy** entails:

- to carry out duties impartially and objectively with due respect for the duty of loyalty and discretion with regard to the European Union, and be guided solely by the interests of the European Union;
- not to take instructions from any government, authority, organisation or person outside the Commission, in relation to the duties of Special Enovy
- in performing the duties of Special Enovy, not to deal with any matter in which, directly or indirectly, he/she has any personal interest such as to impair his/her independence, in particular family and financial interests, and, should such a situation arise, inform the Authority Responsible for Concluding Contracts of Employment (AHCC). [3] immediately in writing;
- not to accept from any government or from any other source outside the Commission any honour, decoration, favour, gift or payment in connection with duties as Special Adviser, without the permission of the AHCC.

The Special Enovy must not exploit her function in an inappropriate manner which could harm the image of the Commission or the Commissioner.

I, Mairead MCGUINNESS herewith **declare that I am aware of the obligations detailed above and confirm that there is no conflict of interest between the future duties of Special Envoy and my other activities.**

Please date and sign this form as well as the attached Annex.

Date: 04/02/2025 **Signature:** [redacted]

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[1] Article 124 of the CEOS refers to Articles 11, 11a and 12 of the Staff Regulations which apply by analogy to Special Advisers.
[2] Rules Governing Special Advisers to the Commission adopted on 19 December 2007 (C(2007)6655) as amended by Commission Decision C(2014)541 of 6 February 2014.

[3] Via Unit DG HR-E1 College, SPP & Representations