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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 the 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 (Article 11(3)(d)).
- 4) Former Commissioner Pierre Moscovici informed the Commission, on 28 November 2019, about three professional activities for academic institutions in which he envisages to engage after the term of office.

- 5) The three activities are remunerated teaching activities as Visiting Professor at the Columbia University in the City of New York, at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (called ‘*Sciences-Po*’) and at the College of Europe (Brugge). They will start in 2020.
- 6) The Commission considered the nature of the above mentioned teaching activities and concluded that they correspond to the category mentioned in Article 11(3)(d) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission. The Commission also noted that the envisaged activities do not present any risk of incompatibility with the former Commissioner’s function as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the Institution, provided that Mr Moscovici abides by the duties of collegiality and discretion laid down in Articles 5 and 11(1) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Former Commissioner Pierre Moscovici’s envisaged teaching activities as Visiting Professor

- at the Columbia University in the City of New York,
- at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (‘*Sciences-Po*’) and
- at the College of Europe (Brugge)

are compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provided that Mr Moscovici abides by the obligations set out in Articles 5 and 11(1) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission.

Done at Strasbourg, on 17 December 2019.

*The President*  
*Ursula von der Leyen*