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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:

Whereas:

- 1) According to the second paragraph of Article 245 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 paragraph 3, second subparagraph, lit. (a) to (f).

- 4) With her e-mail of 20 March 2025, Former Commissioner Stella Kyriakides informed the Commission about her intention to accept an assignment with the European School of Oncology as Senior Lecturer and Co-Chair of its Advisory Board. Ms Kyriakides mentioned that the European School of Oncology is an independently funded non-profit organization dedicated to quality, education and training in oncology to improve the treatment of cancer patients.
- 5) In line with the additional information added to her notification, Ms Kyriakides is invited to join the European School of Oncology's educational activities in Europe, with the top position of Senior Lecturer, specialized in the field of competence "cancer policies in Europe and in the world". Ms Kyriakides' presence (online or in person) is expected in virtually all European School of Oncology's courses and events, combining sessions of 30-minute lecture followed by 15-minute discussion with the audience.
- 6) As Senior Lecturer with the European School of Oncology, Ms Kyriakides is also invited to join the School's Advisory Board, this Board being the cultural body which regularly meets (at least twice a year) to guide the School's strategy in the defining its teaching activities. More precisely, Ms Kyriakides is offered the position as Co-Chair of the Advisory Board for the first year and is expected to become its Chair thereafter.
- 7) Ms Kyriakides will receive a daily honorarium and will be reimbursed of all costs related to her participation to any activity in the framework of the European School of Oncology.
- 8) Based in Milano and Rome, the European School of Oncology focuses on providing specialized education and training for healthcare professionals in the field of oncology. It organizes courses, workshops, and conferences to enhance knowledge on cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and patient care. The European School of Oncology also runs e-learning programs and distance education initiatives, ensuring accessibility to high-quality oncology training worldwide. Additionally, it collaborates with international institutions to promote multidisciplinary approaches and best practices in cancer treatment. Through fellowships, grants, and scientific publications, the European School of Oncology supports continuous medical education and the professional development of oncologists and related specialists.
- 9) The European School of Oncology is governed by a Board of Directors. Its Advisory Board includes experts from across Europe, providing strategic guidance. A Multidisciplinary Scientific Council gathers highly experienced professionals, carefully selected, tasked with providing transparent monitoring and evaluation of the scientific content of the School's activities.
- 10) The European School of Oncology is primarily funded through two foundations: the European School of Oncology Foundation and the *Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica*. Additionally, the European School of Oncology draws the means to

achieve its goals from membership fees, extra contributions from members, as well as contributions from third parties, natural persons, or entities. It also generates income from the sale and distribution of didactic materials and any residual income from the management of the school's activities.

- 11) The *Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica* is eligible to receive contributions from public or private entities, including potential funding from the European Union, local authorities, and other sources. These resources are specifically directed towards the activities that foster oncology education and research, in line with the foundation's civic, social, and educational goals.
- 12) The European School of Oncology is not registered in the Transparency Register and there is no information about any funding received from the European Union either to the European School of Oncology or to the *Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica*.
- 13) The nature of the notified activity is related to Ms Kyriakides' former responsibilities as Commissioner for 'Health and Food Safety'. However, the consultation of the Independent Ethical Committee is not necessary as the activity corresponds to the category mentioned in Article 11(3), second subparagraph, letter (d) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission.
- 14) On substance, the notified activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with Ms Kyriakides former functions as Commissioner for 'Health and Food Safety' or with the interests of the Institution.
- 15) The continued obligation to respect the duties of collegiality and discretion with respect to the Commission's decisions and activities during Ms Kyriakides' term of office, as set out in Article 11(1) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, in conjunction with Article 5 of the Code, is fully applicable.
- 16) In addition, in order to rule out any possible lobbying concerning future decisions of the Commission on the allocation of funds, it is appropriate to set the same restriction as in previous decisions on post term of office activities in the field of university management.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Former Commissioner Stella Kyriakides' post term of office professional activities as Senior Lecturer and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of the European School of Oncology is compatible with the second paragraph of Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, subject to the following conditions and restrictions :

- In accordance with Article 11(4) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, during a period of two years following her term of office, Former Commissioner Kyriakides shall refrain from lobbying the Members of the Commission or their staff on behalf of the European School of Oncology on matters for which she was responsible as Commissioner in charge of ‘Health and Food safety, in particular as concerns future decisions of the Commission on the allocation of funds. This prohibition on lobbying does not affect participation in public events or general exchanges of, and on, publicly available information with Members of the Commission or Commission staff.
- In accordance with Article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Former Commissioner Kyriakides shall refrain from participating in any activity or decision-making procedure within the European School of Oncology which might involve using information of the kind covered by the obligation of professional secrecy regarding, in particular, undertakings, their business relations or their cost components.
- In line with Article 11(1), in conjunction with Article 5, of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, Former Commissioner Kyriakides remains bound by the duties of collegiality and discretion, with respect to the Commission’s decisions and activities during her term of office.

Done at Strasbourg, on 1 April 2025.

The President
Ursula von der Leyen