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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,

Whereas:

- 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 Article 11(3), second subparagraph.
- 4) On 10 February 2026, Former Commissioner Ylva Johansson notified her envisaged post term of office professional activity as member of the Board of the Swedish Football Association ('Svenska Fotbollförbundet'). On 12 February 2026, the Former

Commissioner provided additional information on this envisaged activity and more precisely on the Swedish Football Association. She explained that her envisaged responsibilities in the Board of this association are linked to her role in the field of female football in Sweden ⁽¹⁾. She underlined that she will not have any contacts with the Commission or its staff either for the Swedish Football Association or for its members.

- 5) According to the information shared by Former Commissioner Johansson with the Commission, the Swedish Football Association is the national governing body for football in Sweden, in the same way as other comparable national organisations in other European countries. The Swedish Football Association is responsible for organising, regulating, and developing organised football, futsal, and beach soccer nationwide. At regional level, the Swedish Football Association is structured in autonomous district football associations, which are responsible for football activities in their respective areas, within the regulatory framework established by the Swedish Football Association.
- 6) The Swedish Football Association is a non-profit organisation, politically and religiously independent. Its mandate includes the administration of national competitions, management of national teams, implementation of licensing and disciplinary systems, and the promotion of football in line with principles of democracy, equality, and fair play.
- 7) The Swedish Football Association represents Swedish football internationally as a member of international football federations UEFA and FIFA.
- 8) The Swedish Football Association operates within Sweden's civil society model and collaborates closely with public authorities, municipalities, and the Swedish Sports Confederation ⁽²⁾ on matters relating to sports policy, public funding, football infrastructure, and social responsibility.
- 9) In the private sector, the Swedish Football Association engages with sponsors, commercial partners, media rights holders, and professional leagues and clubs. Through these relationships, the Swedish Football Association combines its role as a member-based non-profit organisation with responsibilities related to elite competition and commercial rights management.
- 10) The Swedish Football Association is a member-based organisation comprised of over 2800 Swedish football clubs. The General statements and so-called *Förbundsmötet* is the highest decision-making body and adopts statutes, approves financial statements,

⁽¹⁾ Cf Commission Decision C(2025) 9008 of 19 March 2025 on Former Commissioner Ylva Johansson's post term of office professional activities as member of the Board of 'Hammarby Fotboll' and as member of the Board of 'Elitfotboll Dam'.

⁽²⁾ The Swedish Sports Confederation ('*Riksidrottsförbundet*') is the umbrella organisation of Swedish sport, founded in 1903. Through its member organisations, it has three million members in 22,000 clubs.

and elects the Board. The Board is responsible for strategic direction and oversight. Day-to-day operations are managed by the administrative office under the leadership of the Secretary-General.

- 11) Former Commissioner Johansson's envisaged activity as member of the Board of the Swedish Association of Football is not related to her former Commission portfolio on 'Home Affairs'. In substance, this activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with her former functions as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the institution, knowing nonetheless that the general obligations set out in Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission continue to apply. It appears particularly relevant to recall, in line with article 11(4) of the Code of Conduct, the prohibition of lobbying the Commission or its staff, during a period of two years after Former Commissioner Johansson's term of office, for the Swedish Association of Football and for any public or private entities who may possibly act as sponsors of Swedish football in general and of Swedish football clubs.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Former Commissioner Ylva Johansson's envisaged professional activity as member of the Board of the Swedish Association of Football is compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, subject to the respect of the obligations stemming from the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, namely Article 245, and from the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission .

Article 2

In particular, in accordance with Article 11(4) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, Former Commissioner Johansson shall refrain from lobbying the Members of the Commission or their staff for the Swedish Association of Football and for for any public or private entities who may possibly act as sponsors of Swedish football in general and of Swedish football clubs.

Done at Brussels, on 4 March 2026.

The President
Ursula von der Leyen