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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 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 subparagraphs 3 (a) to (f), notably as concerns commitments with international organisations dealing with public interests and in which either the European Union or one or several of its Member States are represented (Art. 11(3) (c)).

- 4) Commissioner Carlos Moedas informed the Commission on 11 October about his intention to accept the invitation addressed to him by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to join the Advisory Board of the “Futures of Education” initiative.
- 5) The “Futures of Education” initiative aims to rethink how education, knowledge and learning can shape the future of humanity and the planet and contribute to the global common good. The process of the “Futures of Education” initiative centers around the work of an international commission which is tasked to prepare a global report, for release in late 2021, outlining an agenda for global debate and action on the futures of education, learning and knowledge in a world of increasing complexity, uncertainty, and precarity. The work of the commission will also build on a broad, open consultative process that involves youth, educators, civil society, governments, business and other stakeholders.
- 6) The Advisory Board will play an instrumental role in providing overall strategic guidance to the initiative, notably by taking stock of reviews of research and syntheses of consultations, leveraging specialized expertise from various institutions and developing outreach strategies. It is planned that the Advisory Board will hold three two-day meetings following the meetings of the International Commission until 2021.
- 7) The Commission considered the nature of Commissioner Moedas’ envisaged post term of office activity which is related to his portfolio on Research, Science and Innovation. The Commission came nonetheless to the conclusion that the consultation of the Independent Ethical Committee was not necessary as the envisaged activity corresponds to the category mentioned in subparagraph 11(3)(c) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission and as it does not present any risk of incompatibility with Commissioner Moedas’ former function as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the Institution.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Commissioner Carlos Moedas’ envisaged activity as member of the Advisory Board of the “Futures of Education” initiative, in the framework of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), to be taken up after his term of office, is compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The general obligations of integrity, discretion, collegiality and confidentiality continue to apply.

Done at Brussels, on 13 November 2019.

The President
Jean-Claude Juncker