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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.
- 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 (Art. 11(3) (d)).
- 4) By letter of 3 October 2019, Commissioner Christos Stylianides, in charge of humanitarian aid and crisis management, informed the President of the Commission about his intention to accept an invitation addressed to him by the London School of Economics and Political Science to become a Visting Professor in Practice, without

remuneration, based in Health Policy, for the period 11 November 2019 until 05 May 2021.

- 5) The Commission considered the nature of Commissioner Stylianides' envisaged post term of office activity and considers it to be an academic activity.
- 6) The School, including its Department of Health Policy, is a recipient of EU funding for specific projects, mainly from the Directorate-General for Research, Technology and Development and EU Executive Agencies.
- 7) Article 11(4) of the Code of Conduct provides that former Members of the Commission must not lobby Members or their staff on behalf of their new employer on matters for which they were responsible within their portfolio for a period of two years after ceasing to hold office.
- 8) Former Members of the Commission remain bound by the duties of collegiality and discretion, as laid down in Article 5 of the Code of Conduct, with respect to the Commission's decisions and activities during their term of office.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Commissioner Christos Stylianides' envisaged activity as Visiting Professor in Practice, without remuneration, based in Health Policy, at the London School of Economics and Political science, 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, subject to the respect of the duties set out in Articles 11(1) and (4) of the Code of Conduct.

Done at Brussels, on 13 November 2019.

The President Jean-Claude Juncker