

INDEPENDENT ETHICAL COMMITTEE

DECLARATION ON THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF

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The Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission adopted by the Commission on 31 January 2018¹ establishes an Independent Ethical Committee, which, upon request of the President of the Commission, shall advise the Commission on any ethical question related to the Code of Conduct and provide general recommendations to the Commission on ethical issues relevant under the Code.

The appointment as member of the Independent Ethical Committee requires, in particular, independence and an impeccable record of professional behaviour.

The Members of the Independent Committee shall, in all circumstances:

- carry out their duties impartially and objectively with due respect for the duty of loyalty and discretion with regard to the European Union and be guided solely by the interests of the European Union;
- abstain from taking instructions from any government, authority, organisation or person outside or inside the Commission, in relation to their duties as member of the Independent Ethical Committee;
- refrain from accepting from any government or any other source outside the Commission any honour, decoration, favour, gift or payment in connection with their duties as members of the Independent Ethical Committee, without authorisation from the Commission;
- abstain from dealing with any matter in which, directly or indirectly, they have any personal interest such as to impair their independence, in particular any personal interest, including professional, family and/or financial interests. Should such a situation arise, they must immediately inform the other members of the Committee and the European Commission in writing.

Furthermore, Article 12(4) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission states that the Members of the Independent Ethical Committee shall sign a declaration on the absence of conflicts of interest.

I hereby declare that I am aware of the obligations detailed above and confirm that there is no conflict of interest between my duties as member of the Independent Ethical Committee and my other personal interests including professional, family or financial interests.

In addition, I engage to inform my fellow committee members and the Commission in writing if, in the performance of my duties, I am asked to deal with a matter in which I have a personal interest such as to impair my independence.

Date: 21.06.2022

Signature: *(signed)*