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**COMMISSION INTERNE**

**OJ 2148 – point 7**

**DECISION DE LA COMMISSION**

**prolongeant le mandat des membres du Comité éthique ad hoc**

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

**of 2 December 2015**

**extending the mandate of the members of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Code of Conduct for Commissioners,

Whereas:

- (1) The Ad hoc Ethical Committee was established by Commission Decision C(2003) 3750 of 21 October 2003;
- (2) The Code of Conduct for Commissioners (Commission Decision C(2011) 2904) foresees that the Ad hoc Ethical Committee advises the Commission, on request, on whether a Commissioner's intention to engage, during the eighteen months after she/he has ceased to hold office in the Commission, in an occupation related to the content of her/his former portfolio is compatible with article 245 of the TFUE;
- (3) The Code of Conduct for Commissioners also states that the Ad hoc Ethical Committee may be requested by the President to deliver opinions on any general ethical question concerning the interpretation of the code of conduct;
- (4) Article 5 of Commission Decision C(2003) 3750 provides that the Commission, on the proposal of its President, shall appoint the members of the Committee and Article 6 states that the Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of three years, renewable once;
- (5) The mandate of the current members of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee expires on 14 December 2015. However, the period of compulsory notification of envisaged post-mandate activities of Members of the former Commission runs until 30 April 2016;
- (6) Whilst the Commission Decision establishing the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee does not envisage a further prolongation of the mandate of those members of the Committee who have already served two terms, it is important to guarantee that the same Committee delivers, without interruption of its work, all the opinions which the Commission may request on former Commissioners' post-mandate activities which will be notified until the end of the notification period. For this reason, it is appropriate to exceptionally extend the mandate of all its members until 30 June 2016.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Sole Article*

The mandate of Mr Terry WYNN, former Member of the European Parliament, Mr Rafael GARCÍA-VALDECASAS, former Judge at the General Court of the European Union and Mr Nikolaus VAN DER PAS, former Director-General at the European Commission, as members of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee established by Commission Decision C(2003) 3750 is extended until 30 June 2016.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*The President*