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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:

Whereas:

- 1) According to the second paragraph of Article 245 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 that 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 paragraph 3, second subparagraph, lit. (a) to (f).

- 4) On 4 February 2026, Former Vice-President Jourová notified the Commission of her intention to engage in a remunerated professional activity as member of the European Central Bank's Ethics Committee. This Committee is entrusted with providing independent advice to serving and former high-level ECB officials on ethics and good governance matters.
- 5) The European Central Bank's Ethics Committee was established in 2014 to complement the Bank's internal Compliance and Governance Office and the Audit Committee. The Ethics Committee is a high-level advisory body which aims at reinforcing the integrity and coherence of the European Central Bank's ethical oversight arrangements. The Committee reports directly to the European Central Bank's Governing Council and is composed of external members. Former Vice-President Jourová's envisaged position has an advisory nature and does not involve executive, managerial or decision-making powers within the European Central Bank.
- 6) Former Vice-President Jourová underlined that, as member of the European Central Bank's Ethics Committee, her responsibilities will include: (1) providing independent advice and guidance on compliance with ethical rules; (2) assessing Declarations of Interests; (3) assessing private activities and post-employment activities; (4) monitoring European and international developments in ethics and good conduct and advising the Governing Council on potential updates to the European Central Bank's Code of Conduct; (5) providing support to the European Central Bank on whistleblowing matters involving high-level officials, if requested.
- 7) Former Vice-President Jourová's envisaged activity is linked to her former portfolio on 'Values and Transparency'. However, the envisaged activity does not require the consultation of the Independent Ethical Committee as it falls under the exception set out in Article 11(3), second subparagraph, letter (a) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, as Former Vice-President Jourová will continue to serve the European interest in an Institution of the European Union.
- 8) As for the substance, Former Vice-President Jourová's envisaged activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with her former role as Vice-President in charge of 'Values and Transparency' or with the interests of the Institution, provided that she abides by the relevant provisions of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, notably Article 339, and of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, namely Article 11, in conjunction with Article 5, as concerns the protection of confidentiality of sensitive information and the protection of collegiality and discretion.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Former Vice-President Věra Jourová's envisaged activity as member of the European Central Bank's Ethics Committee is compatible with Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, subject to the respect of the duties set out in Article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in Article 11(1) of the Code in conjunction with Article 5.

Done at Brussels, on 26 February 2026.

*The President*  
*Ursula von der Leyen*