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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,

Whereas:

- 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 Article 11(3), second subparagraph, lit. (a) to (f), notably as concerns functions in the national civil service of a Member State, at national, regional or local level (lit. (b)).
- 4) Former Commissioner Tibor Navracsics informed the Commission, on 9 September 2020, about the non-remunerated assignment he received, from the Hungarian Government, to become, as of 1 September 2020, Commissioner for the economic

development of North-Western Hungary (Fejér, Győr-Moson-Sopron, Komárom-Esztergom, Vas, Veszprém, Zala counties). The position is institutionally attached to the Hungarian Prime Minister's office and the envisaged activity will entail coordination among stakeholders, NGOs and local and regional actors of the region in question. More precisely, the activity will consist in coordinating the activities of the region's actors, to coordinate economic development plans. The Former Commissioner underlined his belief that the envisaged activity would not present any risk of incompatibility with his former function as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the institution.

- 5) The Commission has considered the nature of Former Commissioner Navracsics' notified activity and come to the conclusion that it is covered by the exception foreseen in Article 11(3), second subparagraph, lit. (b) of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission, which lifts the obligation of consulting the Independent Ethical Committee in case the activity implies a function for the civil service at central, regional or local level.
- 6) The Commission recalls that, according to Article 11(2) of the Code of Conduct, any new professional activity needs to be notified to the Commission with a minimum of two months' notice before engaging in the activity.
- 7) As for the substance, the Commission considers that former Commissioner Navracsics' notified activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with his former function as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the institution.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Former Commissioner Tibor Navracsics' notified activity as Hungarian Government Commissioner for the economic development of North-Western Hungary (Fejér, Győr-Moson-Sopron, Komárom-Esztergom, Vas, Veszprém, Zala counties) is compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Done at Brussels, on 11 November 2020.

The President
Ursula von der Leyen