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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 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 paragraph 3, second subparagraph, lit. (a) to (f).

- 4) With her letter of 13 September 2024, Vice-President Věra Jourová informed the Commission about her intention to accept, as from 1 January 2025, a non-remunerated assignment as member of the Award Committee for the Jan Karski Eagle Award, in the framework of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation.
- 5) As set out in her letter, the mission of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, established in 2012 in the United States and Poland, is to instill the values of leadership, courage, and integrity in individuals, particularly young people, as demonstrated by the life of Jan Karski. The Foundation operates with a strong focus on education, historical remembrance, and leadership development. It is governed by a board of directors, which oversees its educational programs and outreach initiatives.
- 6) The Jan Karski Eagle Award recognises individuals who exhibit the values and spirit of Jan Karski. Vice-President Jourová's responsibilities will be limited to reviewing nominations and participating in discussions to determine awardees, as well as possible participations at the ceremony granting the awards. The Vice-President underlined that she would have no involvement in the Foundation's operational decision-making or its funding activities and that her tasks would not overlap with areas related to her portfolio responsibilities as Vice-President.
- 7) Her involvement would be occasional, with a consultation once or a few times a year, either online or by phone. She would not receive a remuneration for her work and would also not receive any financial compensation for her work. Vice-President Jourová underlined that she would have no financial interest or personal benefit from this activity and that it would not create any conflict with her current responsibilities as Vice-President of the European Commission.
- 8) The Commission concluded that Vice-President Jourová's envisaged post term of office activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with her then previous role as Member of the Commission or with the interests of the Commission.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Vice-President Věra Jourová's envisaged post term of office activity as member of the Award Committee for the Jan Karski Eagle Award, in the framework of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, is, after the end of her mandate, compatible with Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Done at Strasbourg, on 26 November 2024.

The President
Ursula von der Leyen