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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

**Solemn undertaking by Mr Arias Cañete, Member of the European Commission
before the Court of Justice of the European Union**

Formal sitting of 28 January 2015

Today at 12:00, at a formal sitting of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Mr Miguel Arias Cañete, Member of the European Commission gave the solemn undertaking required under the Treaties.

Although the Treaties do not lay down any specific requirements as to the manner in which the solemn undertaking is to be given, the Commission has always attached great importance to that undertaking being given before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The solemn undertaking given by Mr Arias Cañete is as follows:

“Having been appointed as a Member of the European Commission by the European Council, following the vote of consent by the European Parliament

I solemnly undertake:

to respect the Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the fulfilment of all my duties;

to be completely independent in carrying out my responsibilities, in the general interest of the Union;

in the performance of my tasks, neither to seek nor to take instructions from any Government or from any other institution, body, office or entity;

to refrain from any action incompatible with my duties or the performance of my tasks.

I formally note the obligation laid down under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, by virtue of which each Member State is to respect this principle and is not to seek to influence Members of the Commission in the performance of their tasks.

I further undertake to respect, both during and after my term of office, the obligations arising therefrom, and in particular the duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after I have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits.”

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