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Sitting of the Court of Justice

Solemn undertaking of two Members of the European Commission

At a sitting of the Court of Justice on 24 March 2025, two members of the European Commission gave the solemn undertaking prescribed by the Treaties.

The solemn undertaking was given by Ms Marta Kos and Mr Valdis Dombrovskis.

Whilst the Treaties make no express provision for the manner in which the solemn undertaking is to be given, the Commission has always attached great importance to the undertaking being given before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The solemn undertaking given by the Members of the European Commission 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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Annex

Address by the President, Mr Koen Lenaerts

Members of the European Commission,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In declaring this sitting open, I warmly welcome you on behalf of the Court of Justice.

Today the Court will receive the solemn undertaking of two Members of the European Commission, who were unable to attend at the time of the formal sitting of 27 January 2025 during which the President of the Commission and twenty Members thereof gave the same undertaking.

That solemn undertaking is provided for in Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and it is well-established practice that it is given before the Court. This practice has a dual symbolism. It expresses the commitment to respect for the law which characterises the European Union and the functioning of its institutions, including the Commission. It also underlines the importance of the tasks which the Commission is called upon to carry out, in the general interest of the Union, in accordance with the Treaties.

Before inviting you to give the solemn undertaking associated with your taking up office, allow me briefly to set out the context for the event that brings us together today.

On 27 November 2024, the European Parliament gave its consent to the appointment, as a body, of the Members of the new Commission.

The decision of the European Council of 28 November 2024 appointing the European Commission, which was read at the formal hearing on 27 January, paved the way for this Commission to exercise its powers under the Treaties for the period from 1 December 2024 to 31 October 2029.

The new Commission's action programme, which its President set out a few months ago before the European Parliament, aims to prioritise a more competitive, more resilient, more cohesive and less externally dependent Europe in a challenging global context, marked by profound geopolitical, economic, environmental and technological change.

In addition, the broad lines of that action programme include preparation for further enlargements in the light of the experiences gained from the major enlargement of 2004, the 20th anniversary of which was celebrated in May of last year.

These priorities for action, to name but a few, highlight the particular importance of the competences that have been assigned to you: be it, in the case of Mr Dombrovskis, Economy and Productivity, Implementation and Simplification; in the case of Ms Kos, Enlargement.

Your personal attributes as well as your professional experience and the significant responsibilities you have been called upon to exercise throughout your earlier careers make it possible to foresee that you will be able to meet the great challenges which await you during this legislative term and to carry out your new responsibilities successfully.

On behalf of the Court and its members, I extend to you our warmest congratulations and I sincerely wish you every success in your efforts to reinvigorate Europe and to prove – in these times when peace and respect for the rule of law no longer reign, even on the European continent – the added value of the European project.