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**Solemn undertaking before the Court of Justice of the European Union by the President and the Members of the European Commission**

*Formal sitting of 3 May 2010*

Today at 16:00, the Court of Justice of the European Union held a formal sitting during which the President and the Members of the European Commission gave the solemn undertaking laid down by the Treaties.

The following gave the solemn undertaking: Mr José Manuel DURÃO BARROSO, President, Ms Viviane REDING, Vice-President, Mr Joaquín ALMUNIA, Vice-President, Mr Siim KALLAS, Vice-President, Ms Neelie KROES, Vice-President, Mr Antonio TAJANI, Vice-President, Mr Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President, Mr Janez POTOČNIK, Mr Olli REHN, Mr Andris PIEBALGS, Mr Michel BARNIER, Ms Androulla VASSILIOU, Mr Algirdas ŠEMETA, Mr Karel DE GUCHT, Mr John DALLI, Ms Maire GEORGHEGAN-QUINN, Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Ms Maria DAMANAKI, Ms Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Mr Günther OETTINGER, Mr Johannes HAHN, Ms Connie HEDEGAARD, Mr Štefan FÜLE, Mr László ANDOR, Ms Cecilia MALMSTRÖM and Mr Dacian CIOLOȘ.

The solemn undertaking given by the President and the Members of the European Commission is the following:

*“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 undertaking of each Member State to respect this principle and 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 obligation 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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