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**DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the 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's Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Whereas the Commission's work to tackle the housing challenges requires cooperation across a number of portfolios to deliver the best results.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

- (1) A Project Group on Affordable Housing is set up to support delivering on this project. It shall facilitate the joint work in line with the Political Guidelines and the Mission Letters.
- (2) Without prejudice to the decision-making process of the College and the responsibility of the collegial preparatory bodies, the Project Group shall ensure timely preparation and provide political steer for the development of the initiatives and implementation of priorities. It shall support the preparation of the first European Affordable Housing Plan to address structural drivers of the housing crisis.
- (3) The Project Group shall ensure a coordinated approach to unlock public and private investments, notably through: the proposal to inject liquidity into the housing market by allowing Member States to double the planned cohesion policy investments in affordable housing; the creation of a pan-European investment platform for affordable and sustainable housing, working with the European Investment Bank and stakeholders; and the revision of State aid rules to enable effective housing support measures, especially for energy efficiency and social housing.
- (4) The Project Group shall coordinate the work on the European Strategy for Housing Construction to support housing supply with measures to reduce building costs, increase the skills of the labour force in the construction sector, raise its productivity, and enhance the environmental performance of buildings.
- (5) The Project Group shall build synergies with the rolling out the Social Climate Fund to support renovations and energy-efficient housing, with the development of the first European anti-poverty strategy and with the work on cohesion, the development of a policy agenda for the cities, tackling regional disparities and ensuring an effective right to stay.

- (6) The Project Group shall build synergies with the the New European Bauhaus.
- (7) It shall address the inefficient use of the current housing stock and define action to tackle systemic issues with short-term accommodation rentals.

Article 2

- (1) The Commissioner for Energy and Housing shall chair the Project Group.
- (2) The composition of the Project Group shall be as follows:
- Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition,
 - Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy,
 - Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness,
 - Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms,
 - Commissioner for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification,
 - Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth,
 - Commissioner for Energy and Housing, and
 - Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union.
- (3) The President may decide to attend and chair the Project Group. Other Executive Vice-Presidents and Commissioners may participate in relevant meetings of the Project Group and contribute to the work on invitation by the chair.
- (4) The chair decides for each meeting if participants can be accompanied by one or more staff members, either from the Cabinet or Services.
- (5) The Secretary-General of the Commission or a Deputy Secretary-General, the Director-General of the Legal Service or his or her Deputy, the Director General of Directorate-General for Communication or his or her Deputy, and the Cabinet of the President, have standing invitations to attend the meetings of the Project Group.

Article 3

- (1) The Secretariat-General shall ensure the secretariat of the Project Group.
- (2) The secretariat shall assist in the organisation of the Project Group's meetings and prepare draft agendas. The secretariat shall ensure the timely preparation and/or circulation of meeting documents (short discussion notes, background).
- (3) The agendas of meetings of the Project Group shall be decided by the chair in agreement

with the Cabinet of the President. Participants may suggest items to be included in the agenda.

(4) The chair shall draw the conclusions of the meeting which shall be circulated by the secretariat. The conclusions shall be published on the Commission website unless the chair decides otherwise depending on the nature of the discussions.

Article 4

(1) The Project Group is established for an initial period of one year.

(2) The Project Group may continue to operate subsequently if the President decides to renew its mandate under the same or revised terms.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2025.

The President

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