

Opinion
of the
Independent Ethical Committee
established
by the European Commission
3 July 2020

Subject: Request for an opinion on Former Commissioner Cañete’s envisaged post term of office activity as President of the RACE Foundation (‘Fundación Cultural Privada del Real Automóvil Club de España (RACE) para el Estudio de la Historia y la Técnica del Automóvil’)

On request of the President of the European Commission, the Independent Ethical Committee, composed of Ms Dagmar Roth-Behrendt, Mr Allan Rosas and Mr Heinz Zourek, delivers the present opinion:

1. On 29 June 2020, the Secretary-General of the Commission asked the Committee, on behalf of the President of the Commission, to deliver an opinion on a draft decision, prepared by the services of the Commission, on the compatibility of former Commissioner Arias Cañete’s envisaged post-term of office activity as President of the RACE Foundation with Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. The Committee considered the nature of the activity envisaged by former Commissioner Arias Cañete, its non-remunerated character as well as the statutes and objectives of the Foundation.
3. The Committee concludes that former Commissioner Arias Cañete can accept the function and gives hereby a positive opinion on the draft decision.

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