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**DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
**of 7.1.2025**

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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:

- (1) The Commissioner in charge of Trade and Economic Security will lead the work on the implementation and advancement of the European Economic Security Strategy.
- (2) Economic security, along with trade and partnerships, will be the main components of the new foreign economic policy.
- (3) The European Economic Security Strategy consists of three pillars – promote, protect and partner.
- (4) The 'promote' pillar focuses on enhancing the Union's competitiveness and industrial base, as well as investing in research and innovation for strategic and dual-use technologies. Various elements of this work will also be discussed in other Project Groups, such as those on the Clean Industrial Deal and the Bioeconomy.
- (5) The 'protect' pillar requires a more assertive deployment of the tools we have to protect the EU's economic security interests, including by developing economic security standards for key supply chains.
- (6) The 'partner' pillar focuses on strengthening dialogues and working together with partners across the world.
- (7) Ensuring a coherent and integrated approach to economic security across relevant policy areas and delivering concrete results, requires close involvement of and coordination with several Members of the Commission.
- (8) For the Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security to deliver on this mission, it is appropriate to establish a Commissioners' Project Group on European Economic Security to steer the work on the agenda set out by the President in the Political Guidelines and the respective Mission Letters.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

- (1) A Commissioners' Project Group on Economic Security is created to help deliver a coordinated and integrated approach to economic security, reflecting the political priorities of the Commission, shaping coherent policies and building joint ownership.

(2) Without prejudice to the decision-making process of the College and the responsibility of the collegial preparatory bodies, it shall ensure timely coordination on topical issues and provide political steer for the development of initiatives and implementation of priorities.

(3) The Project Group shall ensure coherence with work in other areas notably in the areas of the internal market, industrial policy, the green and digital transitions, external relations or internal security.

## *Article 2*

(1) The Commissioners' Project Group on Economic Security is chaired by the Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security. Whenever the President attends a meeting of the Project Group, she may decide to chair it.

(2) The composition of the Project Group shall be as follows:

- The Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition
- The Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy
- The Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy
- The High-Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President,
- Commissioner for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification,
- The Commissioner for Defence and Space,
- The Commissioner for International Partnerships,
- The Commissioner for Preparedness, Crisis Management, Equality,
- The Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration,
- The Commissioner for Energy and Housing,
- The Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation.

(3) Other Executive Vice-Presidents and Commissioners may participate in relevant meetings of the Project Group and contribute to the work upon their request or invitation by the chair.

(4) Each participant can be accompanied by two staff members, from the Cabinet and Services. The Chair may decide a different format of the meeting.

(5) The Secretary-General of the Commission or a Deputy Secretary-General, the Director-General of the Legal Service or his/her Deputy, the Director-General for Trade and Economic Security or his/her Deputy, the Director-General for Communication or his/her Deputy and the Cabinet of the President, have standing invitations to attend the meetings of the Commissioners' Project Group.

### *Article 3*

- (1) The Secretariat-General and the Directorate General for Trade and Economic Security shall jointly ensure the secretariat of the Project Group.
- (2) The tasks of the secretariat consist of:
  - assisting in the organisation of the Project Group's meetings;
  - sending invitations on behalf of the Chair to the participants of each meeting of the Project Group;
  - ensuring the timely preparation and/or circulation of meeting documents (agendas, short discussion notes);
  - preparing draft minutes of the meetings and circulating them after their approval by the Cabinets of the President and the Chair;
  - updating a six-monthly rolling calendar of the Project Group.

### *Article 4*

- (1) The Project Group shall meet on a regular basis, whenever deemed necessary by the Chair or by the President.
- (2) Participants shall be invited by the Chair through the secretariat of the Project Group, no later than ten days before each meeting, except in exceptional circumstances.
- (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 on the agenda no later than one week before the meeting.
- (4) The Chair shall draw the conclusions of the meeting. He shall approve the minutes of the meetings of the Project Group in agreement with the Cabinet of the President. The minutes are not subject to correction after circulation.
- (5) Possible documents for meetings of the Project Group shall be concise and politically focused and identify the main questions and options, to help steer the discussions of the Project Group.
- (6) The list of documents to be discussed at meetings of the Project Group shall be approved by the Chair in agreement with the Cabinet of the President.

*Article 5*

- (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*

*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*