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President

Mr Gottfried Haber
Former member of the Supervisory Board of the ECB
Alternate member of the ECB Governing Council
Vice Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank

TRANSMITTED ON 16 AUGUST 2024

Subject: Notification of envisaged post-employment activities

Dear Mr Haber,

I refer to your communication of 17 July 2024, by which you notified the ECB Ethics Committee of your intention to take up the position of member of the Supervisory Board of Erste Group Bank AG, a significant Austrian credit institution, as well as your intention to return to your previous position as a professor at the Universität für Weiterbildung Krems, following your resignation from your roles as high-level ECB official¹.

I would like to inform you that on 16 August 2024, the Governing Council – having considered the opinion of the Ethics Committee– confirmed that your membership of the Supervisory Board of Erste Group Bank AG is subject to a one-year cooling-off period, i.e. this position cannot be take up before 21 May 2025. Additionally, and although the cooling-off period for alternate Governing Council members would be six months, the Governing Council concurs with the Ethics Committee's recommendation that you refrain from replacing the Governor at meetings of the Governing Council from now until resignation from this role in October 2024.

With regard to your intention to return to your previous position at the Universität für Weiterbildung Krems, the Governing Council concurs with the Ethics Committee that no cooling-off is required.

I should like to emphasise that this assessment applies exclusively to your (former) roles as high-level ECB official and is without prejudice to the application of potentially stricter national rules which you may be subject

¹ Resignation from the role as member of the ECB Supervisory Board occurred with effect of 21 May 2024; resignation from your role as alternate member of the ECB Governing Council is committed for 18 October 2024.

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to by virtue of your function at the OeNB. In this regard I understand that safeguards have already been put in place at national level, i.e. that you would neither be granted access to documents nor participate in discussions and deliberations nor take any decisions with respect to Erste Group Bank AG or any other Austrian significant supervised institution.

For the sake of completeness, I would like to remind you of your professional secrecy obligations, applying beyond your term as a high-level ECB official, as well as of the obligation to notify the ECB, prior to committing, of any potential new occupational activity for a period of two years from the end of your term as a member of the Supervisory Board.

With best regards,

The ECB President (Christine Lagarde)

Cc: Mr Liikanen, Chairman of the Ethics Committee
Ms Claudia Buch, Chair of the Supervisory Board