Review of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission

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PURPOSE: to present a draft agreement on the revision of the framework agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission.

CONTENT: the proposed revision of point 4 of part II of the agreement (political responsibility) is as follows:

Members of the Commission may participate in electoral campaigns as candidates in elections to the Parliament. They may also be chosen by European political parties as lead candidate for the position of President of the Commission.

The President of the Commission shall inform Parliament in due time whether one or several Members of the Commission will stand as candidate in electoral campaigns for elections to the Parliament, as well as of the measures taken to ensure the respect of the principles of independence, integrity and discretion provided by Article 245 TFEU and the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.

Any Member of the Commission who stands as candidate or participates in electoral campaigns for elections to the Parliament undertakes that he/she will refrain from adopting a position, in the course of the electoral campaign, that would not be in line with his/her duty of confidentiality or would infringe the principle of collegiality.

Any Member of the Commission who stands as candidate or participates in electoral campaigns for elections to the Parliament may not use the human or material resources of the Commission for activities linked to the electoral campaign.