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on behalf of the European Commission

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1. The Honourable Member will find all relevant information on the use of air taxis by the President and Members of the Commission, the destinations, costs, justifications and the purpose of each travel, since 2019 on dedicated webpages which ensure transparency of missions for the public¹. The information on specific trips includes information when an air taxi was used and what the average cost was per person (Members and staff) on the flight.

2. The Commission draws the Honourable Members' attention to Commission Decision C/2018/0700² under which 'As a general rule, the air taxi may be authorised only under exceptional circumstances, either when commercial flights are not available to reach a destination or when they cannot fit with the Member of the Commission's diary, or for security reasons. A careful check of all options should be made, including agenda planning, so that the air taxi is only envisaged as a last option'.

3. While considering these exceptional needs for the use of air taxis in the interest of the service and following the European Green Deal³, the Commission committed in its Greening Communication⁴ to carbon neutrality by 2030 reducing first its overall carbon footprint by 60% from 2005 to 2030 (or 38% from 2019 to 2030⁵). This includes an objective to reduce emissions from missions.

The Commission has made significant progress with a 31% reduction⁶ in its carbon footprint since 2019, and is on track to reach the 2030 objective, with a strong focus on sustainable buildings, greener mobility, and digitalisation, as well as exploring new initiatives such as carbon pricing and common purchase platforms for carbon removals.

¹ See the transparency section within the Members of the Commission dedicated webpage

https://commission.europa.eu/about/organisation/college-commissioners_en.

² Annex 2 to Commission Decision C(2018) 700 final of 31 January 2018 on a Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission. See: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221(02)).

³ The European Green Deal Striving to be the first climate-neutral continent: See:

https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en.

⁴ C(2022)2030 final of 5th April 2022 Communication to the Commission – Greening the Commission See https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/24c26f7d-2c51-4f69-8b06-2d5be859c7fc_en?filename=c_2022_2230_2_en_act_part1_v11.pdf.

⁵ C(2022)2030 final of 5th April 2022 Annexes to the Communication to the Commission – Greening the Commission See https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/7e10b3b4-06fd-4319-863b-fee762dd6582_en?filename=c_2022_2230_1_en_annexe_acte_autonome_cp_part1_v9.pdf.

⁶ Data from the Draft EMAS Environmental Statement 2025 (results 2024), currently under external validation.