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Subject: Your letter regarding the conflict of interest case involving the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Andrej Babiš

Dear Mr Katora,

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2026 concerning an alleged conflict of interest involving the Czech Prime Minister, Andrej Babiš, and the adequacy of the RSVP TRUST structure as a measure to appropriately mitigate such conflict of interest. As announced in my holding reply of 11 June 2026, the Commission examined the available information carefully in accordance with the relevant EU legal framework.

Following the examination of the information provided by the Czech national authorities, the Commission concluded that the situation of Mr Babiš qualifies as a conflict of interest within the meaning of Article 61(3) of the 2024 Financial Regulation ⁽¹⁾ and that the measures currently implemented and communicated to the Commission are insufficient to address the conflict of interest according to Article 61(1) of the said Regulation.

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⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast), OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>

The Commission will take all measures necessary in order to protect the Union's financial interests, including, as appropriate, the interruption of the payment deadlines ⁽²⁾, the suspension of payments ⁽³⁾, or application of financial corrections ⁽⁴⁾.

The Commission will also continue to monitor that the current management and control systems in the Czech Republic are designed and function in a way that guarantees that the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy in the Czech Republic is not affected by any conflict of interests. In particular, the Commission will closely monitor future changes that could impair its imperviousness to conflicts of interest situations.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

Elisabeth WERNER

⁽²⁾ Article 32(10) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013, *OJ L* 435, 6.12.2021, p. 187, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2116/oj>.

⁽³⁾ *Ibid*, Article 42

⁽⁴⁾ *Ibid*, Article 55