EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS FRAMEWORK OF THE ECB

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In Part I. The Conditions of Employment for staff of the European Central Bank (ECB) as regards the ethics framework, Article 36a is replaced by the following:

‘Article 36a

Under the conditions laid down in the Staff Rules, members of staff who, following the end of their employment with the ECB, are prohibited as a result of their cooling-off period from taking up a specific occupational activity and who cannot find a suitable alternative occupational activity and are as a result unemployed, shall be entitled to the following benefits for the duration of the prohibition on undertaking the activity and as long as they remain unemployed:

(a) a special monthly allowance equal to:
   — 80 % of the last basic salary for the first year,
   — 60 % of the last basic salary for the year thereafter;

(b) household and child allowances;

(c) cover under the ECB medical scheme and accident insurance scheme;

(d) an education allowance in accordance with Article 19, limited to the reimbursement of a maximum of EUR 299 per month, except for children with certified, imperative educational needs as defined in the Staff Rules, in which case the reimbursement shall be increased to a maximum of EUR 588 per month. The allowance shall be payable only until the end of the academic year in which the member of staff becomes unemployed and provided that the child remains in the same educational establishment for the remainder of the academic year in question;

(e) accrual of pensionable service during the period mentioned in point (a). During such period they shall remain members of the pension scheme and the “ECB contribution”, “compulsory contribution” and “voluntary contribution”, where applicable, shall be calculated on the basis of the special monthly allowance specified in point (a) in lieu of the basic salary.

The above benefits shall replace the unemployment benefits provided for in Article 36, where applicable, and are complementary to any other benefits of the same nature provided by other sources, including unemployment benefits. Members of staff shall claim and declare such benefits, which shall be deducted from those payable by the ECB.

The above benefits shall not be payable to members of staff on retirement.’.