



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

The Secretary-General

Brussels

**Subject: Tobacco Europe Inquiry Regarding Fitness Checks and Evaluations,
including Conflict of Interest cases**

Dear Ms Darge,

Thank you for your letter of 30 October 2024 on the abovementioned subject.

At the time of receipt of your letter, the Regulatory Scrutiny Board, based on its independent assessment, had already selected the main evaluations for scrutiny in 2025. In this context, I take the opportunity to inform you that the 'Evaluation of the legislative framework for tobacco control' has been selected for scrutiny in 2025.

The Regulatory Scrutiny Board has a precisely defined role in the Commission. In line with its mandate, the Board scrutinises the drafts of all impact assessments, fitness checks, and a selection of evaluations. The Board acts independently in carrying out its duties and neither seeks nor takes instructions from any internal or external stakeholders. The Board provides independent quality control, and ensures that Commission evaluation reports are of high quality providing the best available evidence allowing informed decision-making.

Yours sincerely,

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