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Regarding Article 8 (Code of Conduct for public officials), it should be pointed out that the laws on civil servants already contain general obligations in terms of conduct. Pursuant thereto, public servants serve the entire populace rather than a political party. They are to fulfill their duties in a just and non-partisan manner and, in exercising their office, take account of the welfare of the general public (cf. § 60 (1) Act on Federal Civil Servants (Bundesbeamtengesetz – BBG) and § 33 (1) Civil Servant Status Act (Beamtenstatusgesetz – BeamtStG). These rules on general obligations are supplemented by additional rules, e.g. on additional activities and regarding the prohibition against accepting rewards, gifts and other advantages.