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Subject: Response to concern over US influence on DMA enforcement

Dear Mr Penfrat,

Thank you for your email addressed to Executive Vice-President Ribera and Executive Vice-President Virkkunen, in which you express concerns about recent reports that the enforcement of the Digital Markets Act (DMA) might be part of trade negotiations between the EU and the US. Executive Vice-Presidents Ribera and Virkkunen asked us to respond on their behalf.

The DMA is a key piece of legislation that contributes to the proper functioning of the internal market by ensuring contestability and fairness in digital markets. These objectives remain as relevant as ever, and the Commission stands by them.

The Commission clarified in the recent debate in the European Parliament plenary on 9 July 2025 on transatlantic trade that the EU's legislation and regulatory framework remain non-negotiable, and the Commission will continue to protect the EU's regulatory autonomy. European digital rules and decision making are not linked to trade negotiations and these negotiations have no bearing on the work of the European Commission to ensure effective gatekeeper compliance with the DMA. We remain fully committed to enforcing the DMA in a neutral, robust and evidence-based manner, as swiftly as possible.

This is also evidenced by the continuous ongoing regulatory dialogues with gatekeepers on their DMA compliance, which may be complemented by enforcement action where needed. As you also noted, we have recently finalised multiple cases that resulted in findings of non-compliance with the DMA, or in specification of gatekeeper obligations under the DMA. Several additional cases are still ongoing, and we maintain focus on finalising these cases as well.

One year into the DMA compliance deadline, we have already seen significant changes in the market, for which input from third parties like yourself was essential.

We are grateful for your active participation in the recent workshops and your support of the implementation of the DMA in general. Engagement with third parties has an essential role in the application of the DMA, and we greatly value the contributions of civil society organisations.

Yours sincerely,

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