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Subject: Readout from the meeting with Move EU - 16 November 2021

Dear Luisa,

Please find below the readout of today's meeting with Move EU. Please let me know if you have any comments before we upload it in Ares.

Thank you in advance.

Participants: (Free Now / Move EU), (Bolt / Move EU), (Uber / Move EU), (EU Strategy), L. Cabral (President's Cabinet), (SG)

The objective of the meeting, which was requested by Move EU, was to discuss the initiative on improving the working conditions in platform work. The representatives of Move EU explained that ride-hailing services, comprising private hire vehicles (PHV) and taxis, were offered by licensed drivers. They continued to set out their concerns with some of the proposals under consideration in the context of the forthcoming initiative on improving the working conditions in platform work, notably the rebuttable presumption. They expressed concerns that the rebuttable presumption would reduce flexibility for the drivers but also for the passengers who would likely have to wait longer. In view of Move EU, the presumption would also reduce job opportunities and lead to negative environmental impacts (because of the inefficiencies in booking the rides).

As regards the criteria for rebuttable presumption, the representatives of Move EU thought that the criteria used in the Yodel case were a good starting point. Furthermore, they explained that they already offered their riders the possibility to work for other, competing platforms. They argued in favour of keeping price-setting within the hands of the platforms, noting that letting the drivers determine the prices would result in lower revenues for the drivers. They expressed the view that the forthcoming proposal should acknowledge the differences between different sectors. They promised further written input on these issues.

Finally, Move EU said that there were other ways to improve working conditions, including notably through social dialogue (FR used as example).

