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Summary

Commissioner Johansson, accompanied by Olivier Onidi, met with senior representatives of [REDACTED] TikTok, [REDACTED] in Silicon Valley to discuss the companies' efforts to prevent and combat child sexual abuse (CSA) online and the upcoming legislative proposal.

The Commissioner set the scene describing the problem and its magnitude, concluding that we are failing today to protect children from sexual abuse. Therefore, the Commission is preparing a legislative proposal that aims to 1) create an EU Centre to prevent and counter child sexual abuse (CSA), 2) impose certain obligations for detection, reporting and removal of CSA online, and 3) set safety by design principles.

Companies in general welcomed EU action on the fight against child sexual abuse, including the upcoming legislative proposal, and the efforts to set up a long-term legal framework for the detection, reporting and removal of child sexual abuse online. The EU Centre was also welcomed as a facilitator of efforts, including on prevention and assistance to victims. Some companies asked about possible dual reporting requirements, to both the US NCMEC and the EU Centre, as well as the interplay between the detection obligations and communication technologies deployed. Many stressed the need for more industry collaboration and agreed on the importance of safety by design. Finally, companies were open to more transparency on their policies and technologies used at the level of detail preventing tipping off perpetrators.

The mission also included press engagements with Reuters and the Washington Post.

Details

Participants from the Commission in all meetings: Commissioner Johansson, Monika Maglione (member of cabinet), Bryan Synott (communication adviser), Olivier Onidi (Deputy Director General, DG HOME), [REDACTED] (Team Leader, fight against child sexual abuse, DG HOME), [REDACTED] (EU Delegation in the US).

Thursday 27 January 2022 (venue: residence of the Consul General of France in San Francisco)

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- Participants: Erich Andersen, Head of Corporate Affairs and General Counsel (online); [REDACTED], Global Head of Risk & Response Operations (in person).
- Main takeaways:
 - EU Centre: it would be important that the companies participate in the preparatory discussions, in particular to ensure that the reports get to the right law enforcement agency.
 - Safety by design: it is a constant effort, since offenders are constantly finding new ways. It is helpful to have a dedicated trust & safety engineering team.

Friday 28 January 2022 (venue: companies' headquarters, all participants joining in person unless otherwise indicated)