MEETING WITH JASON OXMAN,

President and CEO of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)

Scene setter

You met Jason Oxman, CEO of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) several times, last time in March 2021. ITI is a global association representing the technology industry (currently 75 leading companies, including internet companies, hardware and networking equipment manufacturers, software developers, cloud service providers and other tech-enabled multinational organizations). Mr. Oxman asked for this meeting to discuss the negotiations with the US on a Privacy Shield successor arrangement.

You may therefore want to:

- Recall that an agreement was reached on the key elements of a new framework, but that the details still need to be finalised and translated into legal texts.
- Signal that we are currently waiting to receive draft texts from the US for a new Executive Order and implementing regulations implementing the US commitments.
- Stress that further discussions on these drafts may be needed, to make sure that they fully reflect what we have agreed on.
- Explain that the Commission will only be able to propose a draft adequacy decision when the text of these legal instruments will have been agreed.
- Mention that, taking into account the different procedural steps (opinion of the EDPB, green light from the Member States in comitology), a final adequacy decision could at the earliest be adopted by the end of this year.

Lines to take

- On 25 March, President von der Leyen and President Biden announced an agreement in principle for a new transatlantic data transfer framework to replace the Privacy Shield.
- This is certainly an important step, but the work continues.
- We now need to finalise the details and translate them into legal texts.

- As a first step, the US commitments have to be included in a new Executive Order to be adopted by the US President and implementing regulations.
- I understand that our US counterparts are currently working on drafts of these different legal instruments.
- We will then look together at these drafts to make sure they fully reflect what we have agreed on. I cannot exclude that this might involve some further discussions on the details of these legal texts.
- Our objective is to make sure that we have a solid foundation for a future adequacy decision.
- Because that will be the next step: once we will have agreed on the text of these legal instruments, the Commission will be able to propose a draft adequacy decision on that basis.
- To adopt the final decision, we will need to go through a multi-step process that involves an opinion from the European Data Protection Board, a vote of our Member States and scrutiny by the European Parliament.

- Because of the work that remains to be done and the different procedural steps we need to go through, it is difficult to give a precise timeline at this stage.
- However, based on our experience with previous adequacy decisions, it is unrealistic to expect that we could adopt the adequacy decision before the end of this year.

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