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Dear Werner,

Please find below the report on the call with AirBnB [REDACTED] this afternoon.

I remain of course available should you wish to discuss additional details.

Best regards,

Videoconference between EVP Vestager and [REDACTED] (AirBnB), 24 September 2020

Participants

- [REDACTED] (Airbnb)
- [REDACTED] (AirBnB)
- [REDACTED] (AirBnB)
- Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager
- Werner Stengg (CAB VESTAGER)
- [REDACTED]

The videoconference took place at the request of AirBnB and aimed at exchanging views on the Commission's digital priorities, and to discuss how Airbnb can best contribute

AirBnB objective of the meeting was to support a new legal framework which allows for a more consistent and effective implementation of EU law throughout the Single Market.

The main points presented by AirBnB were:

- **Business model and response to Covid-19:** Airbnb provides an online marketplace connected to physical services happening offline and it is active in the extremely competitive accommodation sector. While Covid-19 had a negative impact on tourism and the accommodation sector, AirBnB has pursued policies to put safety of users first. AirBnB created a fund to support the cost of COVID-19 cancellations. AirBnB provided free housing to thousands of medical professionals during the crisis.
- **Work with governments:** AirBnB consider actively engagement with governments as necessary. It cooperates in Europe with several authorities on registration schemes, tax collection and data sharing. AirBnB has launched on 23 September CityPortal a one stop shop for government around the world for data sharing, enforcement and safety.

- Data sharing with governments: AirBnB has several initiatives related to data sharing with national and local governments in Europe. However, it highlighted that there is an issue of fragmentation with a complicated patchwork of local regulations to be applied of which some, in AirBnB opinion, are disproportionate and not in compliance with the EU rules. AirBnB supports the creation of an EU wide systems ensuring also technical standardisation.

EVP Vestager indicated that the European Commission is in the process to revise some of the key rules of online services through the Digital Services Act in order to provide a modern and coherent legal framework to ensure the safety of users online and to allow innovative digital businesses to grow. EVP Vestager indicated that the European Commission is also pursuing other initiatives on data. Finally, EVP Vestager noted that Europe needs a digital economy that people trust and any input on ensuring that such objective is pursued is welcome.

AirBnB indicated that the EVP and the Commission work is beneficial and will continue providing its contribution to support it based on its experience of the market.