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Cabinet of President Ursula von der Leyen
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SHORT NOTES OF A MEETING

Subject: Meeting of Anthony Whelan with Ecommerce Europe on 24 January 2020 (*Max harmonisation to support single market, platforms relations with traders, ePrivacy, eCommerce Directive revision, digital taxation*)

Introductory meeting. Mainly groups national associations, plus some individual members (IKEA, Match, Amazon, eBay,)

- Regrets lack of harmonisation of B2C contract law.
- Many forms of platforms, be attentive to this in regulating. Preference for regulation (vs directive) to get more common outcomes

Platforms can help traders with legal compliance (without assuming liability), as well as acting on their own account.

Members are proactive in dealing with consumer complaints, 98% settled satisfactorily. eCommerce/DSA: developing position; not many complaints re application of eCD. Be careful that solutions designed for specific issues (hate speech, child abuse material) might generate unforeseen effects for 150.000 online traders.

- ePrivacy – delete articles 8 (cookies) & 10 (browsers – these are new gatekeepers; at minimum, should be easy to override default settings)
- Digital tax: take omnichannel approach (online/offline tax equality), and should be global to be enforceable and avoid distortions. OECD pillar 1 is promising, avoid discrimination of consumer-facing businesses.

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