Meeting between Cabinet of EVP Vestager and Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), Wednesday 18 May 2022, 12:15

## President and CEO Commission: Kim Jørgensen, Cabinet of EVP Vestager

Participants:

<u>Topics:</u> EU-U.S. Trade and Technology Council (TTC), Privacy Shield, Digital Markets Act (DMA), Digital Services Act (DSA), Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act, Data Act

The meeting took place at the initiative of Information Technology Industry Council (ITI).

ITI welcomed and shared optimism on the ongoing work on the EU-U.S. Trade and Technology Council (TTC), and appreciated the strong commitment of EVP Vestager, whilst offering their help in liaising across the ocean in moving to implementation phase. ITI emphasised the importance of coordination between the EU and the US on secure supply chains, in and out of times of conflict. Even if not part of the work of the TTC, ITI expressed their appreciation for the work on the Privacy Shield replacement, for which a framework had been reached.

In general, ITI offered their assistance for moving ongoing legislative files forward, as they saw some elements where technical input from industry would be needed, e.g. on how AI works and in identifying risk factors, as well as on DSA and DMA.

For DMA, ITI noted that difficult and challenging issues remained, especially for willingness to engage in regulatory dialogue for companies to understand the obligations, and offered to help facilitating those dialogues. Related to the implementation, ITI offered to communicate to members to reach out to the Commission in order to help with mapping and designation process of gatekeepers.

On AI, ITI saw a need for clarifying definitions. In that context, ITI recalled the importance of looking at AI as a tool like every other tools, and how it could be used for both good and bad things, and therefore that high-risk behaviour should be the main focus rather than the tool itself.

On Data Act, ITI raised the question of what problem the act was supposed to solve, and that they saw the current proposals and drafts as being unusually focused on government dictation of contractual terms.

Regarding the DSA, ITI welcomed that the general core principles of the Commission proposal had been kept, which they saw would lead to granted coordinated approach, especially for content moderation and with going through one authority. ITI also welcomed the coordination role of the Commission, and offered to provide a platform for conveying relevant messages internationally.

Cabinet of EVP Vestager took good note of the points raised by ITI.