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Subject: Flash report - meeting with EDiMA

Dear All,

[REDACTED] and I met today with EDiMA, the online platform association, at their request. On their side were present: Siada El Ramly, Director General of EDiMA, [REDACTED] Google, [REDACTED] from Mozilla, [REDACTED] from Trip Advisor, [REDACTED] from Facebook, [REDACTED] from Apple, and [REDACTED] from Expedia.

They expressed concern with the possibility of a regulation on platforms. They reiterated previously expressed arguments that:

- B2B issues on platforms are not specific to the online platform environment, but can also be found off-line;
- there is no large scale and extensive harm that would justify regulatory intervention, since:
 - the practices described in the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Digital Single Market Strategy do not occur often enough;
 - some problems covered by ECORYS study are technical and do not correspond to the practices identified in the MTR;
 - the practices are not really proven;
- there is no agreed definition of online platforms so it is difficult for them to see how any regulation can be drafted/implemented. Here, Expedia asked whether potential regulation will also cover the relations between airlines and Global Distribution Systems, for example. We answered that our starting point is B2B relations on B2C platforms.

[REDACTED]

EDiMA will meet with all its members during next week, and will come back to us. The members present today agreed to send views on possible dispute settlement mechanisms, as well as on the other five practices described in the MTR.

Best wishes,

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