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SHORT NOTES OF A MEETING

Subject: Videoconference, Anthony Whelan with [REDACTED] Google, 11 August 2020

- C-19 engagement: [REDACTED] mentioned various steps taken by Google, on promoting authoritative information, assisting contact tracing through apps, and helping SMEs with advertising and digital skills.
- Digital Services Act: Google wants space to be a responsible platform, prefers a horizontal approach focused on illegal content with clear notice/take-down rules, incentivising voluntary action.
- Digital gatekeepers: [REDACTED] argues for an approach that does not undermine inter-platform competition, does not diminish innovation and does not disadvantage users.
- Digital sovereignty: [REDACTED] underlines that Google is a strong partner for many European companies.
- Sustainability: Google is constantly working on its footprint, already uses 100% renewable energy, and will announce further steps.
- Copyright: Google is rolling out a new product to aid revenues to flow for music, news; has reached agreements with publishers in a number of key markets.

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