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[REDACTED] can you please register the meeting below in Ares? Thank you in advance.

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Perfect, thank you

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Dear Luisa,

Please find below a short readout of today's meeting with Bolt. Any comments before we put it in Ares please?

Best regards,

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Participants: [REDACTED] Bolt), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] L. Cabral (President's Cabinet), [REDACTED]
(SG)

The purpose of the meeting, which took place at the request of Bolt, was to exchange views on the upcoming proposal on improving the working conditions in platform work. [REDACTED] set out a number of concerns with some of the key elements of the proposal under consideration. He explained that in the view of Bolt, both the options of a rebuttable presumption and a reversal of the burden of proof would have important negative consequences on platforms and platform workers (with the former option raising more serious concerns). He underlined that this proposal concerned industries where a certain degree of flexibility was crucial. In this context, he mentioned that taxi

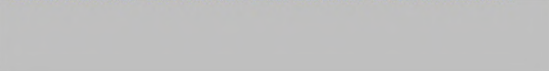
drivers have been considered self-employed in most countries over centuries, so the ride-hailing platforms needed the same flexibility.

[redacted] noted that if Bolt had to employ all the drivers, they would likely employ 40% less drivers. This would be combined with less flexibility for the drivers in terms of deciding their work schedule and would likely bring the remuneration closer to the minimum wage level. He further expressed concerns about the proper consultation of platforms, noting that they were not part of the consultations with the social partners. However, he acknowledged that separate meetings have taken place to discuss their concerns with Commissioner Schmit as well as with various cabinets (cabinets Vestager and Breton).

As regards the rebuttable presumption, he noted Bolt's support for some of the criteria emerging in the jurisprudence, e.g. in the Yodel case of April 2020. He added however that price-setting would not be considered a helpful criterion as there was a need to retain real-time pricing. In addition, he expressed concerns about the implementation of the new rules at national level, pointing out to the negative impacts of some local regulations adopted so far in Spain and parts of Switzerland. Finally, [redacted] promised to provide further written input.



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