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Dear colleagues,

On 5-8 December 2017, the CDMSI Plenary will discuss and adopt a **CM Draft Recommendation on internet intermediaries**, which will probably reach the GR-H level around March 2018, (the current draft is attached to this e-mail). Unfortunately, the document presents some problems for the EU and EU MS, since it is in stark contrast with the EU acquis (the child sexual abuse directive and the e-commerce directive in particular) and EU policies (such as on internet forum). The text goes in the direction of being very restrictive on action to detect and remove illegal content by internet intermediaries.

Both Brussels and some EU Member States here in Strasbourg have been concerned about the current version of the text and have asked me to make sure that all EU Member States are aware of the situation and the concerns surrounding it. In this context, I would kindly ask you to ensure the attached draft has been forwarded to your national experts. Unfortunately, the official deadline to submit comments to the CDMSI Secretariat on the draft is over, but we believe there is still a window of opportunity to influence the text, if there is a wish from MS to do so.

We would propose to have a short informal meeting between EU delegations at Deputy level (political/legal officers), **on Tuesday 22 November at 15h in Room 13**, where we could exchange views and we could give you an overview of the comments we have received from DG Home. Please let me know of your delegation's participation in this meeting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this.

Best,

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