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Good morning,

Please find below the read-out of the videoconference held yesterday by Commissioner Thierry **Breton** with Mr Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet.

The pandemic has highlighted the role – and responsibility – of major platforms in our daily lives, be it in remote working, e-learning, entertainment or doing business. EU citizens expect to benefit more – not less – from the full potential of online activities. But the Internet cannot remain a “Wild West”: we need clear and transparent rules, a predictable environment and balanced rights and obligations. Everything that is allowed offline should be authorised online; and everything that is forbidden offline should be banned online. That’s the spirit of the Digital Services Act that I will be presenting early December. We are developing a real toolkit to fight disinformation while preserving the freedom of expression and fundamental rights. And we will increase the EU’s power to curb unfair behaviour from gatekeeping platforms, so that the Internet doesn’t just benefit a handful of companies but also our many SMEs and entrepreneurs looking to grow in open and innovative digital markets. I had the opportunity to discuss these important topics with Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google. Europe’s position is clear: everyone is welcome on our continent – as long as they respect our rules. We are determined to offer our citizens and industries the safest and most competitive environment in the world.

Kind regards,

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