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Dear [REDACTED],

Please find the report on today's meeting with SAP, for your review.

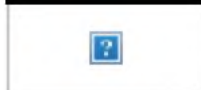
Report of meeting with SAP, 10 February 2020

The meeting took place at the request of SAP. Attendance:

- [REDACTED] – SAP;
- Werner Stengg (CAB-VESTAGER);
- [REDACTED] (SG).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the main digital policy issues and upcoming Commission initiatives. First, with regard to the single market for data [REDACTED] mentioned that there are numerous data localisation requirements in the EU for personal data that prevent free flow of data. [REDACTED] suggested that the review of data localisation as applied to non-personal data should extend to personal data as well. With regard to GDPR, [REDACTED] explained that many uncertainties remain and asked for a more open interpretation in the use of personal data for research and innovation. Second, as concerns cloud computing [REDACTED] asked for a certification system for cloud providers. While there are frameworks for data protection, security and portability, for the European cloud to take up a harmonised scheme should emerge. Within that framework, specific sectoral frameworks are necessary to cover the specific needs per sector. Third, concerning fair competition, [REDACTED] explained that hyperscalers compete fiercely on the market for cloud services, but competition issues could arise on markets downstream where they could use tying/ bundling schemes locking down customers. Fourth, on artificial intelligence, [REDACTED] mentioned that adapting existing regulatory acquis (GDPR, e-commerce etc) should be enough to capture all aspects except ethics of AI. On that topic, it would be useful that the EU comes up with one European standard that the industry could integrate. Fifth, [REDACTED] also explained SAP views on the low carbon economy. [REDACTED] He asked here also for the EU to take the lead on a global standard. Finally, [REDACTED] asked for the EU to align trade policy, development policy and bilateral/multilateral regulatory policies to have one consistent international digital policy. He also asked about the interplay between the Digital Services Act and the review of competition rules. W. Stengg explained that the Digital Services Act will start to be discussed as of March. In addition, he pointed out that an impact assessment would be launched soon with regard to the data strategy and invited SAP to submit comments on it after 19 February.

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