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Subject: Sovereignty and participation in expert groups and standardisation work

Dear Anthony,

I hope you are doing well. It's a shame that you aren't available for our summer reception on Monday night, but I do hope we can see each other informally again soon.

I would like to request a meeting in the next two weeks to discuss an issue that many of members have raised with me. We understand that the Commission is trying to take a more assertive and geopolitical role, including through being more careful on entities participating in the standardisation work and expert groups, including the exclusion of non-EU headquartered companies. However, we are alarmed at the speed and lack of consultation in this process.

We would like to meet to discuss the Commission's concerns and if we can find a more constructive compromise that does not risk locking out the necessary expertise and industry involvement, while safeguarding also the equally important international relations agenda of the Commission (e.g. TTC, post-Brexit UK relations, making allies in Asia), and our overall work on digital resilience – which necessitates close collaboration with our closest allies.

Please let me know if you agree to a short meeting and I will ask [redacted] to find a suitable timeslot.

Kind regards,

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