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Following yesterday's discussion with Ukrainian Vice Premier Mychailo Fedorov, European Commissioner for Internal Market Thierry Breton, joined by VicePresident for Value and Transparency Vera Jourova, had a call with [redacted] of Youtube and [redacted] of Google.

They discussed the urgent need for taking stronger actions to counter Russian state-sponsored disinformation and to comply with sanctions - including the latest measures. There was agreement to keep adapting and updating platforms' policies in light of the current situation.

Commissioner Breton commented: "Freedom of expression does not cover war propaganda. For too long, content from Russia Today and other Russian state media has been amplified by algorithms and proposed as "recommended content" to people who had never requested it. War propaganda should never be recommended content - what is more, it should have no place on online platforms at all. I count on the tech industry to take urgent and effective measures to counter disinformation."

Vice President Jourova commented : « I expect YouTube and Google to step up efforts to address Russian war propaganda. Russia has weaponised information, this is why platforms cannot be a space for its war lies. I appreciate some measures already taken, especially efforts to ensure the flow of information into Russia. We agreed to stay in close contact in the coming days. »