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Ministry of Infrastructure

Minister for Energy and Digital Development

*Ms. Margarethe Vestager
Executive Vice- President for Europe fit for
the Digital Age*

and

*Mr. Thierry Breton
Commissioner for the Internal Market
European Commission*

Brussels

Dear Vice President, Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you regarding the revision of the e-commerce Directive and related files on online platforms.

For business and consumers to reap the full benefits of platforms and given the significant digital development as well as the growing influence of online platforms over the last two decades, updated rules need to ensure that platforms take adequate responsibility for manifestly illegal content.

To ensure a level playing field, platforms' responsibility for content needs to match their relative influence or power. A harmonised legislative regime for notice and take down-measures should be considered in this context. We need to improve incentives for online platforms to take proactive measures for keeping manifestly illegal content away, whilst ensuring respect for human rights such as freedom of speech and ensuring incentives for online businesses to grow and innovate.

I wish you every success in your important work on those dossiers and assure you that Sweden will be a constructive partner in the discussions to follow. I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet virtually or in person and discuss these matters in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Anders Ygeman