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## WP COMPCRO (Internal Market) – DSA

Dear Colleagues,

After the lively discussion on our first after-summer CompCro Working Party meeting on 9 September, we can sum up that a well-deserved summer break had a positive impact on the smooth continuation of our work. Based on your constructive approach and willingness to negotiate, we are optimistic on reaching our common goal of agreeing on an acceptable final compromise text in November.

Once again thank you for all the written comments you sent us during the summer. We want to reassure you that we have assessed all of your comments in detail in our preparations of the new compromise text.

We are now getting ready to reach General Approach at the November COMPET Council, as announced by our Minister at the May COMPET meeting, and also supported by many of your ministers. This timeline is also in line with the call by our Leaders to progress swiftly on this important file.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in our autumn Working Party meetings, scheduled for 16, 23 and 30 September. Additional working party meetings will be organised later on in October and November.

During our meetings in September, we will discuss the new compromise text on a chapter-by-chapter basis. To keep up with the pace and to reach our common goal of reaching General Approach in November, we would kindly ask you to focus your interventions on the newly introduced changes and to identify the elements that are not acceptable for you.

Against this background, we have put on the agenda of our Working Party meeting of **16 September** the presentation of and the discussion on the following articles and corresponding recitals of the Chapter III:

1. Section 1, Articles 10 – 13 and corresponding recitals
2. Section 2, Articles 14 – 15a and corresponding recitals
3. Section 3, Articles 16 – 20, 23, 24 and corresponding recitals
4. AOB

Accompanying this flash, you should have already received our latest compromise text in doc. 11459/1/21 REV 1, where the main changes concern the following aspects:

- additional adjustments in the terms and conditions regarding minors;
- clarifications in the provisions concerning the statement of reasons;
- clarifications regarding the out-of-court dispute settlement provisions;
- additional obligations related to the online advertising transparency.

As a provisional planning for our third September Working Party meetings on 23 September, we suggest to discuss the second compromise text of the rest of Chapter III, focusing on Articles and their corresponding recitals related to:

- (a) online marketplaces (Chapter III, Section 3a);
- (b) very large online platforms (Chapter III, Section 4); and
- (c) search engines.

The examination of the rest of the second redraft is planned for the meeting on 30 September.

We hope we can continue to count on your support and constructive cooperation.

Best regards,

The DSA Team, 