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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Poslanecká sněmovna for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services {COM(2018) 238 final}.

This proposal forms part of the Commission's Digital Single Market strategy and is aimed at ensuring that business users of online intermediation services and corporate website users in relation to online search engines are granted appropriate transparency and effective redress possibilities.

The proposal should assist European Union business users in trading across borders, while safeguarding the innovation potential of the wider online platform ecosystems. It principally aims to safeguard trust in online platforms by clarifying the “rules of the game” for business users, improving platform quality by playing on reputational levers and by facilitating out-of-court dispute settlement.

Discussions between the European Parliament and the Council concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Poslanecká sněmovna in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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