



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Folketing for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Single Market for Digital Services (Digital Services Act) and amending Directive 2000/31/EC {COM(2020) 825 final}.*

*The Commission appreciates that the Folketing decided to analyse this proposal and welcomes its conclusion that the proposal complies with the principle of subsidiarity.*

*The Folketing highlights the importance of ensuring that the persons responsible for the handling of complaints and extrajudicial disputes hold adequate competences and knowledge. The Commission's proposal provides several ways for challenging the online platforms' decisions. These include out-of-court dispute settlement bodies, which have demonstrated that they meet certain conditions of independence, means and expertise to carry out their activities in a fair, swift and cost-effective manner. The possibilities to contest decisions of online platforms leave unaffected in all respects the possibility to seek judicial redress in accordance with the laws of the Member State concerned.*

*Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators, 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 hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Folketing and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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