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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on the law on digital services: making the internal market work better
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Considers it necessary to adopt uniform, Union-wide rules to combat hatred and disinformation and to protect children and youth as well as rules governing online advertising and fair e-commerce and at the same time calls for a strict distinction to be made between illegal and harmful content and cases of disinformation, as different rules are applicable in each case;
2. Calls on platform operators not only to immediately delete illegal content after positive identification, but also to continuously transmit it to the law enforcement authorities for the purpose of further prosecution, including the metadata necessary for this purpose,
3. Insists that the protection and promotion of freedom and diversity of opinion, information, the press and cultural forms of expression, as well as the protection of the privacy of communication between individuals, form the basis of liberal democracy and that this applies online without restriction; demands therefore that the use of all technologically feasible means of combating harmful or illegal content on the internet in this context be subjected to careful prior constitutional vetting and therefore rejects prior checks on content as disproportionate;
4. Emphasises that open, network and technology-neutral access to the internet must be particularly protected by law because it forms the basis for the necessary interoperability of services and systems, ensures diversity, enables fair competition and the creation of a digital service infrastructure that includes access for every single citizen of the Union to quality information, educational, scientific and cultural offers;

calls therefore on the Commission to step up efforts to ensure the equal, non-discriminatory treatment of all data traffic in the Union and to critically re-examine the impact of zero-rated offers on competition in the Union.