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Subject: Measures taken by Meta to limit the spread of antisemitic and anti-Israeli propaganda and the glorification of terrorism

We are deeply concerned about the spread of harmful narratives on social media platforms. It has frequently been observed that the Meta algorithm downgrades pro-European democratic content. Since the start of Putin's war in Ukraine, social media platforms have systematically failed to uphold democratic values and have instead been used as springboards for spreading hateful content in support of aggressors and terrorists.

In one of the most recent examples, since Hamas's appalling terrorist attack on Israel, we have seen disturbing content related to antisemitism and the glorification of war and terrorism being spread freely and reaching a wide audience on platforms such as X and Meta.

Given Commissioner Thierry Breton's ultimatum to Elon Musk and X on 10 October 2023, we are urgently seeking answers to the following:

1. What specific actions is the Commission taking to keep track of and require measures from Meta to limit or remove antisemitic propaganda and disinformation regarding the war in Ukraine and Hamas's terrorist attack on Israel?
2. Can the Commission provide updates on whether Meta has implemented the measures required under the Digital Services Act to provide users with the option not to view content based on its algorithm?
3. How is the Commission collaborating with national governments and international partners to combat the spread of disinformation on Meta's platforms through the enforcement of the relevant existing laws and potential new legislation?

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