

Ms. Věra Jourová Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality European Commission Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels Belgium

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Dear Commissioner Jourová,

I hope by now you will have had the opportunity to consider the letter sent to you on 14th April by Claude Moraes MEP. For ease of reference it is attached to this email. Mr Moraes raises some key points which we believe require urgent attention. I refer in particular to the issue of the very high level of non-compliance with existing age rules by children under the age of 13 and then there is the matter of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, in particular Articles 12 and 13.

Mr Moraes concludes with these words in relation to the "challenges and sensitivities which exist around questions associated with the age of consent for the use of the Internet and online services...the Commission (should) consult with a wide range of stakeholders and draw on acknowledged experts from the relevant fields of interest. I hope you take my letter into consideration and report back to the European Parliament with a detailed account of your findings."

If you were minded to act in the way suggested <u>eNACSO</u> would be very keen to engage with you and your officials to help further that discussion.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our full support for your statement in the EP plenary regarding the importance of the forthcoming years in terms of ensuring guidance to coherent interpretation and implementation of the Data Protection Package. We ask you to ensure that such guidance includes specific attention to provisions with an impact on children's rights and interests. Again, we stand ready to work with you, the data protection authorities and other relevant stakeholders



to develop clear and constructive guidance to support implementation that promotes and protects children's rights.

On behalf of eNACSO,

The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online

Yours sincerely Flavings Finali

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