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**Subject: Invitation to attend the 1st Eastern Partnership Panel on
Harmonisation of Digital Markets (1st HDM Panel)**

Your Excellency,

Since the beginning of 2014, we have been working together with partner countries and EU Member States on the Harmonising Digital Markets (HDM) Initiative in the Eastern Partnership (EaP). This work has culminated with the First Eastern Partnership Ministerial Meeting on Digital Economy held in June 2015, where high level participants from both partner countries and Member States confirmed their interest and commitment for cooperation in this area and agreed to establish a dedicated HDM Panel.

The Eastern Partnership Panel on Harmonisation of Digital Markets (HDM Panel) has been established through written procedure under Platform 2 "Economic Integration and Convergence with EU Policies". I have the honour to invite you to nominate participants for the first HDM Panel on 18th and 19th November 2015 in Brussels.

This panel will use as a starting point the Declaration of the 1st EaP Ministerial meeting on digital economy, the results of the recently finalised HDM study, the terms of reference and the work programme of the panel, all attached to this invitation. The aim of the 1st HDM Panel will be to further discuss the work programme and agree on a set of priority actions for the next two years (2016-2017). The discussions will be structured as per the attached preliminary agenda.

Further information on the venue and the logistics of the meeting can be found in the note on practical arrangements attached to this invitation. Please note that each country may nominate up to three participants (including the HDM Coordinator). The European Commission will finance the participation of the partner countries' representatives.

I look forward to welcoming your delegation in Brussels and to a successful first meeting.

Yours faithfully,



David Ringrose
HDM Panel Chair