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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Online terrorist content, technical feasibility and fines

The draft report on the observations and recommendations of the Special Committee on Terrorism encourages Member States to remove illicit terrorist content hosted online: an excellent initiative.

The report asks for this to be done within one hour, which appears somewhat technically unfeasible, despite the automation offered by artificial intelligence.

1)   Can the Commission confirm the possibility for internet giants to remove this content within the space of an hour?

2)   What about small hosting companies and mobile telephone applications such as Telegram?

3)   How can the level of the fines (which appear to be a poor deterrent for groups whose cumulative market capitalisation exceeds USD 3 500 billion[1]) be calculated?

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[1]   https://www.lesechos.fr/02/02/2018/lesechos.fr/0301242857940_2017--l-annee-faste-des---gafa--.htm