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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on the Digital Services Act and fundamental rights issues posed
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Points out that fundamental rights constitute an objective system of values which ensures that fundamental communication freedoms are not alterable, including by private-law agreements or business terms and conditions;
2. Calls for all protective measures which might at the same time be detrimental to fundamental rights to remain tasks for the State that are subject to thorough judicial review and for no public-authority tasks to be transferred to private-sector firms;
3. Calls for recognition of the fact that services developed in the EU which guarantee effective and comprehensive privacy protection and maximum digital freedom represent an advantage in global competition that should not be underestimated, and calls on the Commission to promote their development in a more targeted manner;
4. Calls for sector-specific rules that serve to realise society-wide objectives and give tangible expression to them for certain sectors, such as the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), to take precedence over general rules.