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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Legal Affairs

with recommendations to the Commission on the Digital Services Act: adapting commercial and civil law rules for commercial entities operating online (2020/2019(INL))

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(Initiative – Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure)
SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Calls for steps to be taken to safeguard the availability of content for which editorial responsibility is taken or which is produced by journalists and all other media that are already subject to a generally recognised independent oversight on other platforms or in other services so that their content is not subjected to any further controls;

2. Notes that communication always takes place in a given context, which is why automated procedures may support individual decisions on the legality of content, but may under no circumstances replace them;

3. Points out that in addition to transparency obligations, regulations on the findability of content and restrictions on self-referencing can make a significant contribution to the dissemination of lawful content.