Question for written answer E-000322/2019 to the Commission Rule 130 Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski (PPE)

Subject: Cancellation of the last trialogue on the directive on copyright in the digital single market

I noted with concern the cancellation of the trialogue scheduled for 21 January 2019 on the directive on copyright in the digital single market and the postponement of the compromise text of the negotiating mandate, which had been hard-won in previous trialogues and technical consultations.

I would like to point out that the lack of consensus on copyright in the European Union causes serious problems for huge numbers of publishers, creators and internet users. I would also like to point out that the time available for reaching an agreement is very short, in view of the rapidly approaching end of the current legislature of the European Parliament.

In the view of the Commission – as a party to the trialogues – what is the likelihood that an agreement on the directive can be reached quickly, and when could this be achieved?

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