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Subject: GDPR enforcement in the light of new revelations about Facebook being manifestly and structurally unable to comply with the GDPR and Digital Markets Act (limitation of purpose)

In a statement on 20 December 2021, Commissioner Reynders partly refuted the criticism raised against the Irish data protection authority, stating that there had been no evidence of non-compliance with EU law. In the light of the recent high-profile report concerning Facebook’s practices regarding the processing of personal data, which adds to the list of long-standing concerns, the need for action becomes ever more pressing. A leaked internal report from April 2022 revealed that it is practically impossible for Facebook to adhere to legal obligations such as ‘we will not use X data for Y purpose’, as the company lacks control over the data that is collected.

Based on the long-standing concerns and this recent revelation:

1. What plans does the Commission have to investigate these ongoing compliance issues with regard to the principle of limitation of purpose?

2. On what basis is the Commission sticking to its position not to open an infringement procedure against Ireland, given that the Irish data protection authority does not have the adequate resources to launch such an investigation?