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to the Commission**

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Subject: Joint Initiative on Standardisation

The Digital Single Market Strategy launched an integrated standardisation priority plan with a focus on ICT and a review of the European interoperability framework. The Commission is now planning to modernise the European Standardisation System by proposing a 'Joint Initiative on Standardisation' between the Commission, the industry concerned, European standardisation organisations and the standardisation community. According to the Commission, the Joint Initiative will aim to speed up and better prioritise standard setting across the board. The Commission also said to it would discuss the Joint Initiative with stakeholders before an agreement is reached in early 2016. In this context, I would like to pose the following questions:

1. Will civil society actors – such as NGOs, trade unions and consumer protection organisations – be included in the Joint Initiative on Standardisation?
2. Will industry be involved in the early preparation of mandates?
3. What will the relationship be between the Joint Initiative and international consortia such as the Intellectbase International Consortium (IIC)?