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Dear Mr Dénes,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 January 2020, sent on behalf of users' and fundamental rights organisations concerning the stakeholder dialogue organised by the Commission pursuant to Article 17 of the Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market. I am replying on behalf of Executive Vice-President Vestager, Vice-President Jourová, Commissioner Gabriel and Commissioner Breton.

Thank you for underlining the Commission's efforts to include a wide range of stakeholders, including users' representatives, in the discussions on Article 17. In your letter, you ask that the Commission be equally transparent on issuing guidance taking into account the stakeholder dialogue. In this regard, you suggest opening the draft guidance to stakeholders' consultation.

You can have my assurance that you will be further consulted before adoption of the guidance. The details and timing of such consultation, as well as the process leading to the adoption of the guidance, will be decided shortly and shared with you.

Yours sincerely,

e-signed  
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