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to the Commission

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Subject: Tighter safeguards for the integrity of electoral processes in the European Union

On 27 September 2026, Meta temporarily disabled ads on the Facebook page of Brazilian President and presidential candidate Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, as well as an Instagram profile that had shared viral political content concerning rival candidate Flávio Bolsonaro. Meta later restored both, citing internal errors.

In the EU, the 2024 Romanian presidential election previously put a spotlight on the risks arising from manipulation by online platforms, prompting the Commission to subsequently open proceedings against TikTok under the Digital Services Act (DSA).

In view of Articles 34 and 35 DSA, and ahead of upcoming elections in the EU, it appears necessary to pre-emptively strengthen the safeguards ensuring the integrity of democratic processes.

In light of the above:

1. What additional measures does the Commission intend to take to step up the monitoring of recommender systems, algorithmic changes and platform decisions that are likely to significantly affect the visibility of political candidates or content?
2. Does it intend to establish a European alert and rapid response mechanism for electoral periods, requiring platforms to promptly report incidents or decisions with a bearing on vote integrity to the Commission and national digital services coordinators?

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