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Subject: Meta's new protections for minors in the US and implications in the EU

Following a settlement with US authorities, Meta has agreed to introduce new safeguards for users under the age of 18 on Instagram and Facebook, including daily time limits, night-time restrictions, reduced notifications, the possibility to disable autoplay and personalised feeds, and strengthened age-assurance measures.

These commitments come one month after the Commission preliminarily found in its assessment under the Digital Services Act that features such as infinite scroll, autoplay, push notifications and the highly personalised recommender systems used on Facebook and Instagram may contribute to addictive design and represent a risk for minors.

However, Meta has indicated that the new safeguards agreed in the United States will apply only in participating US states and territories.

In the light of this:

1. Does the Commission consider whether Meta's announced commitments in the United States are effective to ensure the protection of minors on social media platforms?

2. What further action does the Commission intend to take to tackle addictive designs and ensure that EU citizens are not left with weaker protections than those in the United States?

3. Will the upcoming digital fairness act establish harmonised EU-wide safeguards to ensure a safe digital space by default and prohibit addictive and manipulative design?

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